

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES, COMMONLY CALLED EXODUS.

(ALA SHAMOTH.)

The Names of the Twelve Patriarchs.

1 **T**HESE are the names of the sons
of Israel who came to Mitzeraim.

The Chief Jacob, and his family with him:—Reuben, Simeon, Levi, 2 and Judah; Issakar, Zebulon, and 3 Benjamin; Dan and Naphthali; Gad 4 and Asher; all the persons proceeding from the loins of Jacob, were 5 seventy individuals; Joseph was already in Mitzeraim.

6 Now Joseph and all his brothers 7 died, and all their children. But the sons of Israel were fruitful and bred and increased, and became very, very powerful and the land was filled with them.

A Foreign Conqueror rules Egypt and fears Israel.

8 Then a Foreign Conqueror arose over the Mitzeraim who knew nothing 9 of Joseph, and said to his nation, "This people, the sons of Israel, are more in number and stronger than 10 ourselves, therefore let us deal skillfully with them, to prevent them increasing, for it is possible they might turn upon us in war and conquer, for they hate us, and may be fighting against us and expel us from the land."

11 They consequently placed labour masters over them to force them to build, and they built fortresses for 12 Pharoh—Pithom and Ramasses. But the more they oppressed them the more they increased; therefore they trembled and feared before the 13 sons of Israel. Consequently the Mitzerites endeavoured to crush the 14 sons of Israel, so they embittered their lives by cruel labour, in the forges, and in the brick-kilns, and in

every labour upon the land, by every means possible trying to crush them. The king of the Mitzeraim also 15 summoned the midwives of the Hebrews, of whom the name of the chief was Shifra, and the name of her lieutenant Phua, and decreed; 16 "When you deliver the Hebrew women examine their children; if it is a son, kill him; but if a daughter, let her live."

But the midwives feared GOD, and 17 did not do as the king of the Mitzeraim ordered them, but preserved the children alive. The king of the 18 Mitzeraim therefore summoned those midwives again and enquired from them, "Why have you not executed the law, but have preserved the children's lives?"

When the midwives replied to 19 Pharoh, "Because they are not like Mitzerite women when in labour, but lively, so that before the time the midwives have come to them they are delivered." Therefore 20 GOD showed kindness to those midwives.

So the people increased and were very strong; and seeing that the midwives were GOD-fearing he imprisoned 21 them. Pharoh then commanded this 22 people, saying, "Every boy that is born throw him into the river, but let the girls live."

The Birth of Moses, and Adoption by Pharoh's Daughter.

But there was a man of the family 2 of Levi, who married a Levite woman. And his wife conceived and bore a 2 son. When she looked on his beauty, she hid him for three months. But 3 being no longer able to hide him, she made a boat of bulrushes and pitched it with pitch and resin and placed it in the reeds, on the bank of the

- 4 river. But his sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe in the river, and her maids walked along the bank of the stream; and they noticed the boat amongst the rushes. So she put out her hand and took it.
- 5 When she opened it she saw the lad, and he cried; and she grieved over him, and said, "It is one of the Hebrew children."
- 7 Then his sister asked the daughter of Pharaoh, "Shall I go and seek for you a nursing woman of the Hebrews, so that she may nurse the lad for you?"
- 8 And the daughter of Pharaoh replied to her "Go"; so she went immediately and called the mother of the child; to whom Pharaoh's daughter said, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will pay you the cost." Its mother therefore took the child and nursed it.
- 10 When the lad grew up he was taken to the daughter of Pharaoh as a son, and she called his name Mosheh,¹ for she said "I drew him out of the water."

The Prince Moses thinks of his Nation.

- 11 But it was long after this, when Moses had become great, that he went out to his brothers, and examined into their condition. Then he saw a Mitzerite strike a Hebrew, who was related to him. Then he turned this and that way, and not seeing anyone, he struck the Mitzerite, and concealed him in the sand.
- 13 At another time when he was inspecting, there were two men, Hebrews, quarrelling, so he said to the wrong-doer, "Why do you strike your neighbour?"
- 14 But he replied, "Who appointed you as foreman and judge over us?—Are you going to murder me as you murdered the Mitzerite?"
- Then Moses was afraid and said to himself, "That affair is known then?" The matter was also reported to Pharaoh who endeavoured to execute Moses. But Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh, and turned to the land of Midian, where he rested beside a well.

Moses and the Priest of Midian.

It happened that the Priest of 16 Midian had seven daughters, and these girls came to draw and fill the watering troughs to give drink to their father's sheep. Then the 17 shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses arose and prevented them and watered their sheep. So 18 when they returned to Rael, their father, he asked, "How is that you have returned so quickly to-day?"

They answered him; "A Mitzerite 19 protected us from the hand of the shepherds and also drew and gave water to our sheep."

Then he replied to his daughters, 20 "Where is he? Why have you left the man there? Invite him, and let him eat bread."

Thus Moses began to stay with the 21 man, who gave Ziforah his daughter to him, and she bore a son, and he 22 called his name Gher sham,¹ "for," he said, "I am a stranger in a foreign land."

A New Tyrant arises in Egypt.

A long time after these events, that 23 king of the Mitzeraim died. But the children of Israel were still oppressed in their servitude, and their cries from their slavery reached GOD. GOD therefore heard their groaning; 24 and GOD remembered His covenant with Abraham, and with Isaac, and with Jacob; therefore GOD looked 25 upon the children of Israel; and GOD revealed Himself.

God's Revelation in the Burning Bush.

Moses, however, was shepherding 3 the sheep of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he had led the sheep to the far side of the desert, and came to the mountain of GOD, in Horeb, where a Messenger of the 2 EVER-LIVING appeared to him, in a flame of fire, in a bush. When he looked, he saw that the bush burnt with fire, yet the bush was not consumed!

Then Moses said; "I will draw 3 near and examine this great wonder, why the bush is not burnt up." But 4 the LORD saw that he approached to examine it, so GOD called to him from the midst of Sinai, and said, "Moses! Moses!" and he answered, "I am here."

¹ Moses—"From the Water"—F. F.

¹ Heb. "A-stranger-here."—F. F.

5 Then He said, "Approach not! Put off your shoes from your feet, for the place upon which you stand is
6 Holy!" Then He continued; "I AM the GOD of your fathers;—the GOD of Abraham, and the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob!"

Then Moses hid his face, for he feared to gaze upon GOD.

7 The Lord then said, "I have seen the suffering of My PEOPLE who are in Mitzeraim and I have heard their shrieks before their drivers, and I
8 have understood their sorrows, and I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Mitzerites, and to take them up from that country to a good land, and a spacious; to a land flowing with milk and honey,—to replace the Cananites, and the Hitites, and the Amorites, and the Perizites,
9 and the Ivites, and Jebusites. For the cries of the children of Israel have now come to Me, and I have seen the oppression with which the Mitzerites
10 oppress them; therefore you must go, and I will send you to Pharoh, to bring My PEOPLE, the children of Israel, up from the Mitzeraim."

11 But Moses replied to GOD; "Who am I, that I should go to Pharoh? and that I should lead the children of Israel up from among the Mitzeraim?"

12 He answered, however; "Because I will be with you;—therefore go. For I have sent you to lead the people from the Mitzeraim, and they shall serve GOD upon this mountain!"

13 Then Moses said to GOD; "Supposing I should go to the children of Israel, and should say to them, 'The GOD of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they should ask me, 'What is His name?'—what am I to say to them?"

14 When GOD responded to Moses, "I AM WHAT I AM! Therefore say 'I

15 AM' has sent me to you." And GOD further spoke to Moses; "You shall say thus to the children of Israel;—'The EVER-LIVING GOD of your forefathers;—the GOD of Abraham, and the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My Name from Eternity, and I remember this from generation to
16 generation. Go and assemble the Chiefs of Israel, and say to them, The EVER-LIVING GOD of your fathers has appeared to me, the GOD of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and said; I have visited you, and I will save

you from the Mitzerites. Therefore 17 I command you to go from among the Mitzerites to the land of the Cananites, and the Hitites, and the Amorites, and the Perizites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey;' and 18 they will listen to your voice. Then go, you and the Chiefs of Israel, to the king of the Mitzeraim, and say to him, 'The EVER-LIVING GOD of your servants has commanded us, therefore we pray let us go a three days' journey into the desert and offer sacrifice to our EVER-LIVING GOD.' But I know that the king of the Mit- 19 zeraim will not permit you to go, except by a strong hand. Conse- 20 quently I shall stretch out My hand and strike the Mitzerites with all the wonders that I will do within their bounds, and afterwards he will send you away. Then I will give this 21 People favour in the eyes of the Mitzerites, so that it shall be when they march, they shall not march unprovided, but every woman shall demand 22 of her neighbour and from the guests in her house, ornaments of silver, and ornaments of gold, and clothing, and put them upon hersons and daughters, and shall strip the Mitzerites."

Then Moses answered and said; 4 "But they may not trust me, and not listen to my voice; for they may say, 'We have never seen your GOD, the EVER-LIVING!'"

GOD, however, asked him, "What 2 is in your hand?" and he replied, "A stick."

And He then said, "Throw it on 3 the ground!" So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses fled from before it.

But the EVER-LIVING said to 4 Moses "Stretch out your hand and seize it by the tail." So he stretched out his hand and seized it, and it became a stick in his hand. "Be 5 certain they will believe because of that, that the EVER-LIVING GOD of their fathers appeared to you,—the GOD of Abraham, the GOD of Isaac, and the GOD of Jacob." And con- 6 tinuing the EVER-LIVING said to him; "Put your hand now into your bosom;" so he put his hand into his bosom; and when he drew it out his hand was leperous like snow!

Then He said, "Replace your hand 7 in your bosom;" so he replaced his hand in his bosom, and took it out

again from his bosom, and it returned like his other flesh.

8 "And it shall be if they will not trust you, and not listen to your voice at the first evidence, yet they will trust to your voice after the second
9 sign. But if they do not trust you even for this second evidence, and do not listen to your voice, then take some of the water from the river and pour it out on the dry land, and there the water which you have taken from the river shall become blood on the dry ground."

10 Moses, however, replied to the EVER-LIVING; "But yet, LORD, I am not an eloquent man, I have not been so in the past, nor in this speaking between You and Your servant, for I am slow of mouth and heavy of tongue."

11 But the EVER-LIVING replied to him, "Who gave a mouth to man? or who makes dumb, or deaf? or blind, or seeing? Is it not I, the LIVING
12 ONE? So now go, and I will be with your mouth and show you what you shall say."

13 But he answered; "Indeed, my LORD, send I pray You by some other hand!"

14 Then the EVER-LIVING was angry with Moses, and He said; "Have you not a brother, Aaron the Levite? I know that he can talk—and he is even now coming to seek you. See that you
15 can go cheerfully with him, and speak to him, and put words into his mouth, for I will be with your mouth, and in his mouth, and will show you what
16 you are to do, and he shall speak for you to the people. He shall be like a mouth for you, and you shall be to
17 him in place of GOD. And that staff;—take it in your hand, for you shall perform wonders with it."

18 Moses therefore went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him; "I wish to go now and rejoin my relatives who are in Mitzeraim and see if they are alive." When Jethro replied to Moses, "Go in peace."

19 The EVER-LIVING afterwards said to Moses, in Midian; "Go! Return to the Mitzeraim, for all the men are dead who sought your life."

20 Then Moses took his wife, and his sons, and mounted them upon asses and turned towards the land of the Mitzeraim. Moses also took the Rod of GOD in his hand.

21 The LIVING ONE also said further to Moses; "During your journey to

the Mitzeraim, regard all the signs which I put unto your hand, and do them before Pharoh. But I shall harden his heart, and he will not let the People go. Then you shall say
22 to Pharoh, 'Thus said the EVER-LIVING,—Israel is My eldest son, and
23 I say to you, Allow My son to go to serve Him; and if you will not allow him, then I will slay your eldest son.'"

But while he was upon the road at
24 a resting place, a Chieftain¹ met him and attempted to kill him; but
25 Ziforah took a razor and cut off the foreskin of her son and threw it at his feet, and said, "You make a blood-marriage for me." So he re-
26 tired from them, when she said, "It is a marriage circumcision."

Now the EVER-LIVING had said to
27 Aaron, "Go and seek Moses in the desert," so he went and met him at the Mount of GOD, and kissed him.

Then Moses related to Aaron all
28 the instructions of the EVER-LIVING which He had sent to him, and the whole of the miracles which He had
29 commanded. Then Moses and Aaron proceeded and collected all the Magis-
30 tracy of the children of Israel. And Aaron repeated all the matters which the EVER-LIVING had addressed to Moses, and produced evidences before
31 the eyes of the People; and the people were convinced, and acknowledged that the EVER-LIVING had visited Israel, and that He had looked upon their sufferings;—so they honoured and worshipped Him.

Then Moses and Aaron went and
5 said to Pharoh;—"Thus says the EVER-

1 The Hebrew word used is יְהוֹדָה, Jehovah, and is translated "The LORD" in former versions. I, however, use Chieftain, as the word was a title of honour, as much as our vocable of "Lord" for a Parliamentary Peer, and was used in the sense of Chief, as in Genesis, ch. xviii., v. 35, by the Divine Messengers sent to Sodom, when they conversed with Abraham. After the Giving of the Law it seems to have been almost entirely reserved as a title or synonym for the Supreme Being, God. It means "The EVER-LIVING" by its innate sense, therefore God commanded (ch. iii., v. 14) that from that time His Name should be "The EVER-LIVING GOD," to distinguish Him from heathen imaginary deities, whom their deluded votaries believed could die, be murdered, or dethroned, and hence they were no basis for eternal Law or moral life. The reader thus can see the object of the name was to show the unchanging nature of the Laws of Morality as they originate from a Being of Eternal life.—F. F.

LIVING GOD of Israel; 'Send out My People that they may hold a festival to Me in the desert.'

- 2 But Pharoh replied, "Who is the EVER-LIVING that I should listen to His voice, to send out the Israelites? I know nothing of the EVER-LIVING; and I shall not send the Israelites out!"
- 3 They, however, replied; "The GOD of the Hebrews has summoned us. Let us go therefore three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice to our EVER-LIVING GOD, for fear He should assail us with plague or fever."
- 4 The King of the Mitzeraim said to them; "Why do you, Moses and Aaron, break off the people from their work? Go yourselves to the buildings! And," Pharoh went on to say, "the people are now too many for the land, yet you would take them away from building!"
- 6 Pharoh consequently commanded, on that day, to the drivers and overseers, saying,—“You shall not continue to give straw to these people for the bricks they make, as heretofore; but let them go and collect straw for themselves. Yet the number of the bricks which they had to make heretofore lay upon them; you shall not diminish from them, for they are idle, therefore they cry out saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our GOD.’ Increase the work upon these men, and make them do it, and not listen to absurd speeches.”
- 10 The drivers and overseers of the people consequently went and reported it to the people, saying thus;
- 11 "Pharoh has ordered us no more to give you straw. Therefore go, collect straw for yourselves wherever you can find it, for there is to be no diminution of your labours whatever."
- 12 So the people were scattered all over the land of the Mitzeraim to seek stubble instead of straw. Yet the drivers ordered them, saying, "Complete your appointed work day by day in the production of bricks."
- 14 And the overseers who were set over the children of Israel were flogged by the drivers of Pharoh, who demanded; "Why have you not completed the stipulated number of bricks as formerly was done, before this?"
- 15 Then the overseers of the children of Israel appealed to Pharoh, asking; "Why have you done this to your slaves? No straw is given to your slaves, yet they say to us, 'Make the
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bricks,' and your slaves are beaten, and your people injured."

He, however, replied, "You are 17 idle! you are idle! Therefore you say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the EVER-LIVING.' So now be off, 18 you slaves, for straw shall not be given to you, but you shall make the number of your bricks!"

Consequently the overseers of the 19 children of Israel saw they were in a bad position, when he said, "You shall not diminish from the number of bricks day by day;" so they assailed 20 Moses and Aaron for inciting them to go to present themselves to Pharoh, and said to them; "May the EVER- 21 LIVING look upon you, and decide how you have made our breath stink in the opinion of Pharoh, and in the opinion of his ministers, and have put a sword into their hands to slay us!"

Then Moses turned to the EVER- 22 LIVING and said; "ALMIGHTY! why have You caused suffering to this People, and why have You sent me 23 thus? And why have You sent me to Pharoh saying 'I will take this People from their suffering?' when You have not delivered them?"

Then the EVER-LIVING replied to 6 Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharoh, so that with a strong hand he shall send off, and with a strong hand he shall drive them from this country."

Appropriation of the Name Jehovah to God.

Afterwards the EVER-LIVING spoke 2 to Moses and said to him; "I am THE EVER-LIVING. And I appeared 3 to Abraham, and to Isaac, and to Jacob; as GOD ALMIGHTY; and by My name of the EVER-LIVING¹ I did not make Myself known to them; but however I made a covenant 4 with them to give to them the land of Canan, the land of their foreignhood, when they were foreigners in it. I have also heard the groaning 5 of the children of Israel who are enslaved by the Mitzerites, and I have remembered My covenant;

1 V. 3. "Johvah." See on this name of the Almighty Prof. Lee's Hebrew Lexicon, voc. יהוה, Jehovah, where it is shown to indicate Christ, as the Manifestation of God Who spoke with the Patriarchs, Moses, and the Prophets, and that it was first used as a Divine name, to Moses at the bush. See also my note on ch. iv. v. 24.—F. F.

6 therefore say to the children of Israel, I AM, the EVER-LIVING, will cause you to come out from among the burdens of the Mitzerites; and I will deliver you from your slavery, and will redeem you with a directing arm, and with great judgments; and will take you to Myself for a People, and will be a GOD to you, and you shall know that I, your EVER-LIVING GOD, have brought you out from among the burdens of the Mitzerites. I will, also, bring you to the land which I raised My hand to give to Abraham, and to Isaac, and to Jacob, and grant you its possession. I AM, the EVER-LIVING."

9 Consequently Moses repeated this to the children of Israel, but they would not listen to Moses for their anguish of spirit, and from their hard slavery.

The Repeated Message to Pharoh.

10 The EVER-LIVING again spoke to Moses, saying; "Go! tell to Pharoh King of Mitzer that he must dismiss the children of Israel from his country."

12 But Moses replied against the EVER-LIVING, and said; "The children of Israel themselves would not listen to me; so certainly Pharoh will not listen to me. I am, also, dull in speech."

Reiterated Command to approach Pharoh.

13 The EVER-LIVING, however, commanded Moses and Aaron again, and sent them to the children of Israel, and to Pharoh King of the Mitzeraim to demand the release of the children of Israel from the land of the Mitzeraim.¹

¹ The verses from 14 to 25 are clearly inserted here by mistake of an old transcriber, or were a note of some editor. I therefore append them at the foot of the page.—F. F.

The Ancestral Chiefs of Israel.

14 These are the heads of the Ancestral Houses of the sons of Reuben, the eldest of Israel:—

Hanok, and Hazran, and Karmi,—these were of the families of Reuben.

15 And the sons of Simeon; Imuel, and Iman, and Ahad, and Jakin, and Zokhar, and Shaul, the son of the Cananites;—these were the families of Simeon.

16 And these were the names of the sons of Levi;—by their order of birth;—

Ghersham, and Kahath, and Merari,—and the years of the life of Levi were a hundred and thirty-seven years:—

17 The sons of Ghersham, Libni, and

Thus the EVER-LIVING spoke to Aaron and Moses to lead the children of Israel out of the land of the Mitzeraim by their armies. He caused them, Moses and Aaron, to demand from Pharoh King of the Mitzeraim to allow the children of Israel to go out of Mitzeraim. The EVER-LIVING was speaking daily to Moses in the land of the Mitzeraim.

Thus the LORD commanded Moses; "I am the EVER-LIVING! Speak to Pharoh King of the Mitzeraim all that I command you."

But Moses replied, in the face of the EVER-LIVING, "I am only slow of tongue, so Pharoh will not listen to me!"

The Plagues of Egypt.

The EVER-LIVING, however, answered Moses; "See, I will make you like a GOD to Pharoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your Reciter. Therefore you must say all that I command you to your brother, and he shall repeat to Pharoh that he must send the children of Israel from his country. But I will make Pharoh's heart obstinate, and I will multiply evidences and wonders in the land of the Mitzeraim. But Pharoh will not listen to you, so I will lay My hand upon the Mitzerites, and will bring out My People, the children of Israel, from the land of the Mitzeraim with

Shimai, with their families. And the sons of Kahath were Amram, and Itzar, and Habron, and Azriel; and the years of the life of Kahath were a hundred and thirty-three years.

And the sons of Merari were Mahli, and Mushi; these were the families of Levi by their birth.

When Amram married he took his cousin Jokabad to him, and she bore to him Aaron and Moses, and the years of the life of Amram were a hundred and thirty-seven years.

And the sons of Izachar were Korah, and Nafag, and Zikri, and the sons of Azuiel Mishael and Alzaphan, and Sithri

But Aaron married as his wife Alishama the daughter of Aminadab, the sister of Nahashon, and she bore him Nadab and Abihud; Eliezar and Aithamar.

And the sons of Korah were Asir, and Alkanah, and Abiasaf. These were the families of Korahites.

But Eliezar the son of Aaron took a wife from the daughters of Putiel, and she bore to him Finehas. These were the chief fathers of the Levites by their families.

- 5 Great Judgments, so that the Mitz-
 erites may know that I am the EVER-
 LIVING, when I stretch out My hand
 over the Mitzeraim and bring up
 the children of Israel from among
 them."
- 6 So Moses and Aaron did as the
 EVER-LIVING commanded them.
- 7 They did it. But Moses was eighty
 years old, and Aaron eighty-six years
 old, when they spoke to Pharoh.
- 8 Thus the EVER-LIVING spoke to
 9 Moses and to Aaron, saying;—"Since
 Pharoh has said to you 'Give us an
 Evidence' instruct Aaron,—Take your
 rod and throw it down before Pharoh
 and it shall become a serpent!"
- 10 Moses and Aaron therefore went
 to Pharoh, and did as the EVER-
 LIVING commanded, and he threw
 down his rod before Pharoh, and
 before his ministers, and it became a
 serpent.
- 11 But Pharoh summoned the scien-
 tists and chemists, and they also did
 it, assisted by the engineers of the
- 12 Mitzeraim, by their delusions. For
 each of them threw down their rods!
 and they became serpents, but the
 rod of Aaron swallowed their rods.
- 13 However the heart of Pharoh was
 hardened, and he would not listen
 to them;—as the EVER-LIVING had
 foretold.
- 14 The EVER-LIVING then said to
 Moses, "The heart of Pharoh is de-
 cided not to let the people depart.
- 15 Confront Pharoh in the morning,
 when he goes to the bath, and stand
 to meet him at the bank of the river,
 and take the rod which turned to a
- 16 serpent in your hand. Then say to
 him; "The EVER-LIVING GOD of
 the Hebrews has sent me to you to
 say, 'Let My People go and serve
 Me in the desert. But if you will
- 17 not listen to that, thus says the EVER-
 LIVING, by this you shall learn that I
 am the MASTER:—When I strike
 with the rod which is in my hand
 upon the waters which are in the
- 18 river, they shall turn to blood! And
 the fish which are in the river shall
 die; and the river shall stink; and the
 Mitzerites shall loathe to drink of the
 water of the river!"
- 19 The EVER-LIVING also said to
 Moses; "Say to Aaron; Take your
 rod and extend your hand over the
 waters of Mitzer;—over the streams,
 over the brooks, the pools, and over
 all the reservoirs of water; and they

shall become blood; and they shall
 be blood in all the land of the Mitzer-
 ites, both in wood and in stone."

Therefore Moses and Aaron did as 20
 the EVER-LIVING commanded, and
 splashed with the rod, and the hand,
 the waters which were in the river
 before the eyes of Pharoh, and before
 the eyes of his ministers, and all the
 waters in the river turned to blood; and
 the fish which were in the river died,
 and the river stank, and the Mitzerites 21
 were not able to drink of the water
 from the river, for it became blood
 in all the land of the Mitzeraim.

The engineers of Mitzer, however, 22
 did the same by their delusions;
 therefore the heart of Pharoh was
 hardened, and he would not listen to
 them—as the EVER-LIVING had fore-
 told. Pharoh, therefore, turned his 23
 face and went to his palace, and did
 not alter his heart even for this.

But all the Mitzerites dug pits along 24
 the river for water to drink, for they
 were not able to drink the waters
 from the river. This continued for 25
 seven days after the EVER-LIVING
 had struck the waters of the river.

Then the EVER-LIVING said to 26
 Moses; "Go to Pharoh and say to
 him;—"Thus says the EVER-LIVING!
 Send My People away to serve Me;
 but if you will not send them, then I 27
 will plague all your dominions with
 frogs, and the river shall swarm with 28
 frogs, and they shall crawl up, and
 come into your palace, and to your
 chamber, to your couch, and up to
 your bed; and to the palaces of your
 ministers, and of your people, and to
 your daughters. In this way the 29
 frogs shall come up upon your people,
 and ministers."

Then the EVER-LIVING said to 8
 Moses, "Command your brother
 Aaron; 'Extend your hand with your
 rod over the rivers, and streams, and
 lakes, so that the frogs may come up
 over the land of Mitzer.'"

Aaron consequently extended his 2
 hand over the waters of Mitzer, and
 frogs came up and plagued the land
 of the Mitzeraim.

The scientists, however, did the 3
 same by their engineering, and also
 brought up frogs upon the land of the
 Mitzeraim. Pharoh, however, sum- 4
 moned Moses and Aaron, and said;
 "Entreat the EVER-LIVING, that He
 may turn away the frogs from my
 sight, and from my touch, when I

will release the People, and they shall sacrifice to the EVER-LIVING."

5 But Moses replied to Pharaoh; "You threatened me you would kill me! Why should I pray for you, and your ministers, and your people, to drive away the frogs from you, and from your palace; except that there may be a few in the river?"

6 He however entreated, "Do it to-morrow."

And he returned; "It shall be done as you say, so that you may know that there is no LORD except our
7 GOD. Therefore the frogs shall turn back from you, and from your palace, and from your ministers, and from your people—except that in the river there shall be a few."

8 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the EVER-LIVING about the frogs, as he
9 had promised to Pharaoh, and the EVER-LIVING did as Moses had said and killed the frogs in the houses, and in the streets, and in the fields,
10 and the heaps of them corrupting, rotted,—and the country stunk.

11 But when Pharaoh perceived the smell of them, then he hardened his heart, and would not listen to them;—as the EVER-LIVING had foretold.

12 Consequently the EVER-LIVING said to Moses; "Say to Aaron, 'Extend your rod, and beat the dust of the earth, and it shall become lice in all the land of the Mitzeraim.'"

13 And he did so.

When Aaron extended his hand with his rod in it and struck the dust of the earth, it became lice in all the land of the Mitzeraim.

14 The scientists also tried by their contrivances to produce the same, and bring forth lice, but they were not able. These lice assailed both men and beasts.

15 Then the scientists reported to Pharaoh:—"This is the product of GOD," but Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not listen to them—as the EVER-LIVING had foretold.

16 Therefore the EVER-LIVING said to Moses; "Arise at daybreak and stand before Pharaoh, when he goes to bathe, and say to him:—'Thus says the EVER-LIVING, Release My
17 People that they may serve Me! for if you do not release My People, I Myself will release against you, and your ministers, and your people, and your daughters, gad-flies; and the gad-

flies shall fill the houses of the Mitzerites, and also the land upon which they are. But at the same
18 time it shall be different in the land of Goshen, where My People dwell, for the gad-flies shall not be there, so that you may know that I am the EVER-LIVING in the midst of the earth.

"I will also make a distinction be-
19 tween My People and your People. This shall occur to-morrow."

And the EVER-LIVING did it. For
20 swarms of gad-flies came into the palace of Pharaoh, and the palaces of his ministers, and to all the land of the Mitzeraim. The gad-flies spread over all the country.

Then Pharaoh summoned Moses
21 and Aaron and said; "Go! Sacrifice to your GOD in this country."

But Moses replied; "We were not
22 instructed to do so. For if we were to sacrifice the idol of the Mitzerites in their sight, would they not stone us? We must go three days' journey
23 into the desert, and sacrifice to our EVER-LIVING GOD as He has commanded us."

Then Pharaoh answered;—"I will
24 send you, and you shall sacrifice to your EVER-LIVING GOD in the desert, only in separating go not a long journey.—Now pray for me!"

And Moses answered; "I will go
25 out from you and pray, and entreat the EVER-LIVING, and He will turn away the gad-flies from Pharaoh, and from his ministers, and from his people, to-morrow. Nevertheless Pharaoh will continue to oppose, and will not allow the People to go away to sacrifice to the EVER-LIVING."

Moses accordingly went out from
26 the presence of Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD, and the EVER-LIVING
27 answered Moses and removed the gad-flies from Pharaoh, and from his ministers, and from his People, and none remained. Pharaoh, however,
28 hardened his heart even after this, and would not release the People.

Consequently the EVER-LIVING
9 said to Moses; "Go to Pharaoh, and tell him; Thus says the EVER-LIVING GOD of the Hebrews,—Let My People go and serve Me. However, if you
2 are unwilling to release them, and you are again obstinate with them, then the hand of the EVER-LIVING
3 shall bring upon your herds that are in the field, and upon your horses, and asses, and camels, and cattle

- and sheep, a very severe punishment.
- 4 But the EVER-LIVING will distinguish between the herds of Israel, and between the herds of the Mitzerites, and in all the herds of Israel nothing shall die."
- 5 The EVER-LIVING, however, fixed a period, "After a while the EVER-LIVING will do this thing in the
- 6 country." The EVER-LIVING accordingly brought the event at the period, and killed a number of the cattle of the Mitzerites, but of the cattle of the Israelities not any died.
- 7 Pharoh, also, sent to examine, and discovered that of the cattle of the Israelites none had died, yet Pharoh hardened his heart, and would not let the People go.
- 8 Subsequently the EVER-LIVING said to Moses and Aaron; "Take up for yourselves hands full of ashes from the smeltery furnaces, and let Moses fling them to the sky in the
- 9 sight of Pharoh, and they shall become a fine dust over all the land of Mitzer, and it shall settle upon man and beast, to inflame and produce boils in all the land of the Mitzeraim."
- 10 They took, therefore, ashes from a smeltery, and presented themselves before Pharoh, and Moses flung them skyward, and they produced inflammatory boils upon man and beast,
- 11 and the scientists were not able to stand before Moses, for the inflammation came upon the scientists, as well as upon the other Mitzerites.
- 12 But the EVER-LIVING hardened Pharoh's heart; so he would not listen to them;—as the EVER-LIVING had foretold to Moses.
- 13 Afterwards the EVER-LIVING said to Moses; "Arise at dawn, and go and stand before Pharoh, and say to him; Thus says the EVER-LIVING GOD of the Hebrews, 'Release My
- 14 People to serve Me! Or else, this time, I will fling with all My might upon your heart, and on your ministers, and on your people, so that they may learn that there is none, except MYSELF, in the whole earth.
- 15 For now I will send My hand against, and strike you; yourself, and Your People, with the object of destroying
- 17 you from the earth. If you oppose yourself to My People, to prevent them from going, I will rain, at the date appointed in the future, very
- 18 fierce hail, such as has not been in Mitzer from the day it was founded

until now. Therefore send your 19 cattle to shelters, and all that you have in the field. Every man and beast that remains in the field, and is not gathered into houses, the hail will come down upon them, and kill them."

Those of the ministers of Pharoh 20 who feared the message of the EVER-LIVING, collected their servants, and their cattle into the houses, but those 21 who did not lay the message of the EVER-LIVING to heart, left their servants and cattle in the field.

The EVER-LIVING afterwards said 22 to Moses, "Extend your hand to the skies, and there will come hail in all the land of the Mitzeraim, upon man, and upon beast; and upon all that is in the field, in the land of the Mitzeraim;"

So Moses extended his rod to the 23 skies, and the EVER-LIVING uttered His voice; and fire ran along the ground, and the EVER-LIVING poured hail upon the land of the Mitzeraim. And there was hail, and continuous 24 fire mixed with the hail, very cruel, such as had never been like it in all the land of the Mitzeraim from when it became a nation. The hail also 25 struck in all the land of the Mitzeraim whatever was in the field, from man to beast, and all the vegetation of the field was struck by the hail, and all the trees of the field broken, except in the 26 land of Goshen where the children of Israel were,—there the hail was not.

After this Pharoh sent and invited 27 Moses and Aaron, and said to them; "I have sinned this time! The EVER-LIVING has done right, and I and my people have done wrong. Pray to the EVER-LIVING; for mighty 28 are the utterances of GOD,—and the hail;—and I will release you, and no more continue to prevent!"

But Moses answered him, "When 29 I am outside of the city, I will spread out my hands to the EVER-LIVING, when the voices will cease, and the hail will not continue; so that you may learn that the earth belongs to the EVER-LIVING, and that you and 30 your ministers may learn at last to fear before the presence of the EVER-LIVING GOD."

So the flax and the barley were 31 cut up, for the barley was in ear and the flax in flower; but the wheat and 32 rye were not cut up, for they were of later growth.

When Moses went from the 33 presence of Pharoh outside the city,

- he spread his hands before the EVER-LIVING ; and the voices ceased, and the hail storm poured not earthward.
- 34 But when Pharaoh perceived that the rain and hail and voices had ceased, he continued to sin, and hardened his heart,—he and his
- 35 ministers. So Pharaoh's heart was obstinate, and he would not release the children of Israel;—as the EVER-LIVING foretold, by the hand of Moses.
- 10 Therefore the EVER-LIVING said to Moses; "Go to Pharaoh, for I will strike his heart, and the heart of his ministers, with two other evidences in
- 2 their midst, that you can record for the ears of your sons and your sons' sons, how I brought you up from the Mitzeraim, and the evidences that I produced among them, that they might know that I am the EVER-LIVING."
- 3 Moses and Aaron consequently went to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the EVER-LIVING GOD of the Hebrews; 'Until when will you refuse? resisting to My face to release My people to serve Me?
- 4 However if you continue refusing to release My people, I will bring locusts shortly into your dominions, and they shall hide the sight of the ground, so that you shall not be able to see the
- 5 ground; and they shall eat the remains of the fragments of what has been left to you from the hail; and shall eat all your fruit trees from the field;
- 6 and shall fill your palace, and the palaces of your ministers, and the houses of all the Mitzerites, in such a way as you have never seen, or your fathers, or the fathers of your fathers from the day they lived upon the earth to this day."
- Then he ceased and went away from Pharaoh.
- 7 Then Pharaoh's ministers said to him, "How long is this thing to go on with us, to ensnare us? Release these men to serve their EVER-LIVING GOD.—Do you not know that Mitzer is already destroyed?"
- 8 Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh, and he accordingly said to them;—"Go! Serve the EVER-LIVING, your GOD—Who, and what do you wish should go with you?"
- 9 So Moses replied; "With our young, and our old, we shall go; with our sons and our daughters; with our sheep, and our cattle, we shall go; so that we may hold a holy festival to our GOD."

He however exclaimed; "The 10 EVER-LIVING must be with you, then, when I let you go with your children;—look out! for evil is before you! It shall never be so!—But you may 11 go now, and make a pilgrimage, and serve your EVER-LIVING—for that is what you asked."

And they were driven from the presence of Pharaoh.

Then the EVER-LIVING said to 12 Moses; "Stretch out your hand over the land of the Mitzeraim for the locusts, and they shall come up upon the land of Mitzer, and shall eat everything green in the country; all that the hail has left."

So Moses extended his rod over 13 the country of the Mitzeraim, and the EVER-LIVING drove an east wind over the country all that day and all the night until the morning came, and the east wind carried the locusts; and the locusts came up over all the 14 country of the Mitzeraim, and seized upon all the dominions of the Mitzeraim very grievously. Before them there were no such locusts, and never since have there been such. They even hid the ground from 15 sight, and blackened the earth, and ate every green thing upon the ground, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left, and no verdure was left on the trees, or grass on the fields, in all the land of the Mitzeraim.

Then Pharaoh hastened, and summoned Moses and Aaron, and said; 16 "I have sinned against the EVER-LIVING GOD, and against you! There- 17 fore pardon now my sin, only this once, and entreat the EVER-LIVING GOD to turn from me also this death."

So they went out from Pharaoh and 18 entreated the EVER-LIVING, and the 19 LORD caused a very strong west wind to blow, and it swept off the locusts and blew them into the Red Sea. There was not a locust in all the dominions of the Mitzeraim. But the 20 EVER-LIVING strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he would not release the children of Israel.

Afterwards the EVER-LIVING said 21 to Moses, "Stretch your hand towards the sky, and darkness shall come upon all the land of the Mitzeraim; and a darkness that may be felt."

Therefore Moses stretched his 22 hand to the skies, and thick darkness came upon all the land of the Mitzeraim for three days. No one 23

saw his brother, and no one rose from his place for three days. But to all the children of Israel there was light for their operations.

24 Then Pharoh sent for Moses and said; "Go! Serve the EVER-LIVING. Only your sheep and cattle must stay; your children, also, may go with you."

25 But Moses replied; "You must also give to our hands sacrifices and offerings that we can make to our
26 EVER-LIVING GOD, and therefore our herds must go with us; not a hoof must be left; for we must take from them to serve our EVER-LIVING GOD. And we cannot be knowing what we must serve the EVER-LIVING with until we arrive there."

27 The Lord, however, hardened the heart of Pharoh, and he was not
28 willing to release the People. Therefore Pharoh replied to him, "Get off from me! and take care to yourself never again to see my face! for on the day you look again on my face you shall die!"

29 When Moses answered; "As you have spoken right, I never will look on your face again!"

11 Then the EVER-LIVING said to Moses; "I will bring yet another blow upon Pharoh, and upon the Mitzeraim, after which he will release you. They all will release you,
2 driving you from here. Therefore privately instruct the People that they must demand every man from his neighbour, and every woman from her neighbour, articles of silver and
3 articles of gold." The EVER-LIVING also gave the People favour in the eyes of the Mitzerites; for the man Moses was very powerful in the land of Mitzer, in the eyes of the ministers of Pharoh, and in the eyes of the People.

4 After that Moses proclaimed; "Thus says the EVER-LIVING, At midnight I will pass through the
5 land of the Mitzeraim, and kill all the first-born in the land of Mitzer, from the first-born of Pharoh, who sits upon the throne, to the first-born of the slave who sits behind the mill; as well as the first-born of the cattle;
6 and a great cry will go up from all the land of Mitzer, when these are
7 not; and those are perished. But from all the children of Israel there shall not be hurt a dog's tongue, that you may know that the EVER-LIVING distinguishes between the Mitzerites

and Israel. Then all your ministers 8 shall descend, and bow down to me saying, 'Go away, you, with all the People who are following you,' and after that I will depart."

Thus he went from before Pharoh in burning anger. Then the EVER- 9 LIVING said to Moses; "Since Pharoh will not listen to you, I will increase my evidences in the land of the Mitzeraim." Therefore Moses and Aaron 10 effected all these evidences before Pharoh; yet the EVER-LIVING hardened the heart of Pharoh, and he would not release the children of Israel from his country.

Consequently the EVER-LIVING 12 spoke to Moses and to Aaron in the land of the Mitzeraim, commanding; "This month shall be to you the 2 Chief Month; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

Institution of the Passover.

"Speak to all the families of Israel 3 commanding that in the tenth month they shall take for themselves each one a lamb for a father's house, a lamb for a family. But if the family 4 is too small for a lamb, then let him and the neighbour to his house, according to the number of persons who are to eat, share in the lamb. It must be a perfect he lamb of a 5 year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats; and you 6 must keep it by you until the fourteenth day of this month, then kill it. All the Assembly of the Families of Israel must kill it between the dusks.¹ Then they shall take of the blood and 7 sprinkle upon the two door-posts, and upon the lintel of the houses where they eat it. And they shall eat the 8 flesh in that night, roasted with fire. They shall eat it with unfermented 9 bread and bitter herbs. They shall not eat any of it parboiled, or boiled in a boiler, but only roasted with fire, its head, and limbs, and ribs; and 10 they shall not reserve any of it till the morning, but what is left of it at the morning they shall consume with fire. And they shall eat it in this 11 way;—girt with their belts, their shoes on their feet, and their sticks in their hands; and they shall eat it rapidly. It is a Passing-over to the EVER-LIVING, for I will pass through the 12

¹ The dawn and twilight.—F. F.

land of the Mitzeraim in that night, and strike all the first-born of the Mitzerites from man to beast. Upon all the gods of the Mitzerites also I will execute judgment. I the EVER-LIVING. But the blood upon your houses shall be a safeguard to you, that you are there; when I see the blood, then I will pass over you; and there shall not be a life injured in my destruction of the land of the Mitzeraim. Therefore this day shall be to you for a Remembrance, and a Festival. It shall be a Festival to the EVER-LIVING in your generations, an ordinance for ever. You shall sanctify it.

13 "You shall eat unfermented bread for seven days; that is: in the first day you shall remove ferment from your houses; for all who eat fermented bread, then, that person shall be excommunicated from Israel, from the first day to the seventh day. So the first day shall be proclaimed holy, and the seventh day shall be proclaimed holy for you. You shall not do any work upon them; except for what every person must eat; you shall only do that. Therefore, guard these days of unfermented bread, for on these days I led out your armies from the land of the Mitzeraim with power, consequently keep this period as an everlasting institution in your generations; beginning at the fourteenth day of the month at the dusk to eat unfermented bread, until the twenty-first of the month at dusk. During seven days, ferment shall not be brought into your houses; for everyone eating of fermented bread, that person shall be excommunicated from the families of Israel, whether a foreigner or a native of the country. You shall not eat of any in your dwellings. You shall eat biscuits."

21 Moses therefore proclaimed to all the magistrates of Israel, saying; "Blow the trumpet, and select for yourselves a lamb for your families, and kill the Passover; and take a bunch of hysop and dip it in the blood which ensues, and sprinkle the lintel and the two door-posts with the blood which ensues, and none of you shall go out from the door of his house until daybreak; for at dusk the EVER-LIVING will strike the Mitzerites, but when he sees the blood on the lintel, and upon the two door-posts, then the EVER-LIVING

will pass over the door, and will not allow injury to come to that house to strike it.

"You shall also keep this command as an Institution for you and your sons for ever. Also when you have arrived at the land which the EVER-LIVING will give you, as He promised, you shall there also regard this service. And when your children shall say to you; 'What is this service for?' you shall reply, 'This is the sacrifice of the Passover to the EVER-LIVING, Who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Mitzer, when He struck the Mitzerites, and protected our houses. Therefore, the People shall bow down and worship.'"

So the children of Israel went and did as the EVER-LIVING commanded to Moses and Aaron:—they did it.

When that midnight came, the EVER-LIVING struck all the first-born in the land of the Mitzeraim, from the first-born of Pharoh, who sat upon the throne, to the first-born of the prisoner in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle. Then Pharoh and all his ministers arose in the night, with all the Mitzerites, and there was a great shriek among the Mitzeraim, for there was not a house in which there was not someone dead!

Consequently he sent to Moses and Aaron by night, and said; "Rise up! Go away from among my People;—both yourselves and the children of Israel. Go! serve the EVER-LIVING, as He has commanded you. And take your sheep and your cattle, as you demanded, and march. But therefore bless me!"

The Mitzerites also pressed on the People to hasten them to go out from the country, "for," they said, "we shall all be dead!" So the People took up the dough before it was fermented with yeast, rolled up in their knapsacks on their shoulders.

The children of Israel also had done as Moses ordered, and had demanded from the Mitzerites ornaments of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and the EVER-LIVING gave them favour in the eyes of the Mitzerites. Thus they demanded from them, and escaped from the Mitzeraim.

Then the children of Israel marched from Ramases to the Encampment,

about six hundred thousand men,
 38 beside children; many strangers also
 went up with them, and very great
 39 herds of sheep and cattle. They also
 baked the dough which they had
 brought from the Mitzeraim into
 biscuits, before it was fermented, for
 the Mitzerites drove them, and they
 were not able to ferment it, as well
 as also being ordered not to do it.

Period of Israel's Residence in Egypt.

40 Now the period of the residence of
 the children of Israel, during which
 they stayed amongst the Mitzerites,
 was four hundred and thirty years.
 41 And it was at the end of the four
 hundred and thirtieth year, upon the
 self-same day, that all the armies of
 the EVER-LIVING came out from the
 42 land of the Mitzeraim; it is a night
 to be observed to the EVER-LIVING;
 for He brought them out from the
 land of the Mitzeraim. It is the
 Night, the Night of observance to
 the EVER-LIVING, for all the children
 of Israel and their descendants.
 43 The EVER-LIVING had said to
 Moses and Aaron; "This is the Feast
 of the Passover: and son of a foreigner
 44 shall not eat of it; but every person
 45 bought with money when he has
 been circumcised may eat of it.
 46 "It shall be eaten by single families;
 they shall not carry any of its flesh
 outside of the house; and a bone of
 47 it shall not be broken. Every family
 48 in Israel shall offer it; and if there
 resides with you a foreigner, and he
 would offer the Passover to the EVER-
 LIVING, let him cause every male to
 be circumcised. He may then ap-
 proach to offer it, when he shall be
 like a native of the country, but any
 uncircumcised person shall not eat
 49 of it. One law shall be for the native,
 and for the foreigner, who is among
 you '
 50 So all the children of Israel did

as the EVER-LIVING commanded to
 Moses and Aaron; they did it.

Thus it was on the self-same day 51
 the EVER-LIVING caused the children
 of Israel to go out from the land of
 the Mitzeraim, with their armies.

The EVER-LIVING also commanded 13
 to Moses; "Consecrate to Me every 2
 first-born proceeding from every
 womb of the children of Israel, both
 of man and beast. It is Mine."

Therefore Moses said to the people, 3
 "Remember this day when you came
 out of the land of the Mitzeraim,
 from the house of bondage; for with
 a strong hand the EVER-LIVING
 brought you from there:—so you shall
 not eat fermented bread. The time 4
 when you came out was in the month
 of harvest; consequently, when the 5
 EVER-LIVING brings you to the land
 of the Cananites, and the Hitites, and
 Amorites, and the Hivites, and the
 Jebusites, which He swore to give to
 you;—a land flowing with milk and
 honey;—then you shall perform this
 service in this month. For seven 6
 days you shall eat biscuits, and on
 the seventh day shall be a festival to
 the EVER-LIVING. You shall eat 7
 biscuits for seven days; and fermented
 bread shall not be seen with you;
 nor shall ferment be seen in all your
 boundaries. You shall inform your 8
 children of this day, saying, 'This is
 for the Passing-over the EVER-LIVING
 made for us, in bringing us out from
 the Mitzeraim.' Thus it will be to 9
 you like a mark on your hand, and
 as a remembrance between your eyes,
 so that the reverence for the EVER-
 LIVING may be before you; for with 10
 a strong hand the EVER-LIVING led
 you out from the Mitzeraim; there-
 fore you shall observe this institution
 for a witness for ever and ever.

"And when the EVER-LIVING has 11
 brought you to the land of Canan,
 which He promised to you and to
 your fathers that He would give you,
 then you shall devote every first-born 12

of the womb to the EVER-LIVING; and every first offspring of cattle which shall come to you as a male, to the EVER-LIVING. But every first-born of an ass, you shall redeem with a lamb; or if you do not redeem it, then break its neck. Every eldest male, however, of your children you shall redeem.

14 "When any of your sons, then, shall ask you hereafter, saying: 'Why is this?' You shall reply to him, 'The EVER-LIVING brought us out from the Mitzeraim with a strong hand, from the house of bondage. 15 And when Pharaoh refused to release us, then the EVER-LIVING slew all the first-born in the land of the Mitzeraim, from the first-born of man, to the first-born of beast,—therefore I sacrifice to the EVER-LIVING all the first male offspring of the womb, and all 16 the first-born of men I redeem. Thus they will be like marks upon your hand, and as frontlets between your eyes, that with a strong hand the EVER-LIVING brought you from Mitser.'"

History of the Exodus continued.

17 However, when Pharaoh had released the People, GOD did not conduct them out by way of the country of the Philistines, although it was the nearest; for GOD said; "If I should conduct the People to the sight of war, they will return to the Mitseraim." Therefore GOD turned the People to the way by the desert of the Sea of Weeds. The children of Israel, however, marched in readiness for battle from the land of the Mitzeraim. 19 Moses also took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had administered an oath to the children of Israel saying, "The EVER-LIVING will visit you; and you shall carry up my bones from here with you "

20 So they marched from the Encamp-

ment, and pitched on the borders of the desert; and the EVER-LIVING 21 went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to direct them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to light them in the way by day and night. The pillar of cloud 22 never departed by day, nor the pillar of fire by night from before the People.

Then the EVER-LIVING spoke to 14 Moses, saying;—

"Command the children of Israel, 2 that they must turn and encamp before Pi-Hakhiroth¹ between Migdol and the sea, in front of Bal-zephon. You shall encamp directly opposite the sea!

"Upon which Pharaoh will exclaim, 3 'The children of Israel have confused themselves as to the country! The desert shuts them in!' And I will 4 embolden the heart of Pharaoh and he will pursue you, and then I will be honoured by Pharaoh and by all his forces, and the Mitzerites shall know that I am the EVER-LIVING."

They accordingly did it.

When it was reported to the king 5 of the Mitzeraim that the People had fled, then the heart of Pharaoh and of his ministers changed about the People; and they said, "What is it that we have done? Why have we released the People from serving us?" Consequently he had his own chariot 6 harnessed, and took his forces with him, and took six hundred officers' 7 chariots, and all the chariots of the Mitzeraim with three men upon each of them.

Thus the EVER-LIVING emboldened 8 the heart of Pharaoh king of the Mitzeraim, and he pursued after the children of Israel. But the children of Israel went out with a high hand.

¹ "The mouth of the hollows, or shallows," when translated.—E. F.

- 9 The Mitzerites, however, pursued after them, and came up with them encamped by the sea;—all the horse chariots of Pharoh and his forces,—at Pi-Hakhiroth, before Bal-zephon.
- 10 As Pharoh approached, the children of Israel raised their eyes, and saw the Mitzerites marching after them; and they were terrified; so the children of Israel cried out to the EVER-LIVING;
- 11 and they said to Moses; "Because there were no graves among the Mitzeraim, have you brought us out from Mitzer into the desert to die?"
- 12 Was not this what we said to you in Mitzer; 'Let us alone and we will serve the Mitzerites'? For it is better for us to serve the Mitzerites, than that we should die in the desert!"
- 13 Moses, however, replied to the People; "Fear not! Stand still! and you shall see the victory of the EVER-LIVING, which He will effect for you to-day! For although you see the Mitzerites to-day, you shall not see them again for ever and ever!"
- 14 The LORD will fight with them, and you shall keep silent!"
- 15 The EVER-LIVING then said to Moses; "Why do you cry to Me? Command the children of Israel to
- 16 march. And you, raise your staff, and extend your hand over the sea, when it will divide itself, and the children of Israel can go through it
- 17 as upon dry land. But I, Myself, will embolden the hearts of the Mitzerites, and they shall follow after them. Then I shall be honoured by Pharoh and by all his forces, by his charioteers and horsemen, and the Mitzerites shall learn that I am the EVER-LIVING by My conquering over Pharoh and his horsemen."
- 19 Then the Messenger of GOD who went before the camp of Israel marched, and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud also marched from before them and stood at their rear,
- 20 and went between the camp of the

Mitzerites, and the camp of Israel, and became a cloud and darkness—even of the light of the night,—so that the one approached not to the other all the night.

When Moses stretched his hand 21 over the sea, the EVER-LIVING caused a strong east wind to blow and rolled back the waters all that night, and made the sea like dry land, and made a plain in the waters. Then 22 the children of Israel passed through the sea on the dried-up part, and the waters were to them a protection¹ on their right hand and upon their left. The Mitzerites also pursued and 23 went after them; all the horse chariots of Pharoh, and his horsemen, into the midst of the sea. But when 24 the morning-watch arrived the EVER-LIVING looked down from the Pillar of Fire and Cloud on to the army of Mitzeraim and broke off the wheels 25 from their chariots, and confused the ranks of the drivers, so that the Mitzerites exclaimed; "Let us fly from the presence of Israel, for the EVER-LIVING fights for them against the Mitzerites."

Then the EVER-LIVING said to 26 Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, and the waters shall return upon the Mitzerites, over their chariots and over their horsemen."

So Moses extended his hand over 27 the waters, and the waters returned at the beginning of the morning to their regular flow, and the Mitzerites fled from their approach. Thus the EVER-LIVING overwhelmed the Mitzerites in the midst of the sea, and 28 the waters returned and struck the chariots and the horsemen, and all the forces of Pharoh that went after them into the sea;—not one of them remained.

¹ Or "Circumvalation"—that is, like a moat or ditch on each side of the shallow from which the waters had been driven off by the east wind.—F. F.

29 But the children of Israel went
along upon the dry land in the midst
of the sea, and the water was a pro-
tection to them on the right and on
30 the left. Thus the EVER-LIVING
saved Israel at that time from the
hand of the Mitzerites, and Israel
saw the Mitzerites dead on the shore
31 of the sea; and Israel also saw the
great power by which the EVER-
LIVING dealt with the Mitzerites,
therefore the People feared the EVER-
LIVING, and trusted in the LORD, and
Moses His servant.

Song of Moses.¹

15 Then Moses and the children of
Israel sang this song to the EVER-
LIVING and said in chorus:—

STANZA I.

"I will sing to the LORD,
For with splendid power,
He has flung the horse and his
rider
Into the sea!

STANZA II.

2 "I shout and sing to my GOD,
For from Him comes my salva-
tion!
He is my GOD, and I rest upon
Him!
The GOD of my Fathers, and I
will exalt Him!

STANZA III.

3 "The LORD is a warrior;
His name is THE LIFE,—
4 He whelmed Pharaoh's cars and
his force in the sea!
And his generals sank in the Sea
of the Weeds!
5 The breakers sucked to the deeps
like stone!

¹ I render this into the metre as I read the
Hebrew original to run.

STANZA IV.

"Your right hand, LORD, is strong 6
and glorious,
Your right hand, LORD, has
crushed Your foes,
And with grandeur destroyed 7
Your opponents!
You shot Your fire;—it consumed
them as chaff!
And the sea was filled by the 8
breath of Your mouth!
And they lay like heaps for the
plunderers;
They curdled the waves in the
heart of the sea!

STANZA V.

"'I will pursue,' said the foeman, 9
'O'ertake, and plunder and sate
my lust;
Draw my sword and my hand
shall destroy them!'
You blew with Your wind, and the 10
sea overwhelmed;
And their Princes sank like lead
in the seas!

STANZA VI.

"Who is like to the LORD among 11
Gods?
Who like Him in His Holy
splendour,
In brightness, and honour, and
powerful acts?
You extended Your hand and 12
the earth was shaken,—
You led in Your love this people 13
free;
And will bring in Your might to
Your Holy Home,

STANZA VII.

"The Nations hearing it trembled; 14
Terror seized on Philistia's
men;
The Chiefs of Edom were also in 15
terror;
The Princes of Moab shook in
their fear;

- And the people of Canan dissolved like a cloud ;
 Dread and terror upon them fell.
- 16 At Your Mighty power they stood like a stone ;
 Until Your People, LORD, passed over ;
 Until Your Race had passed out redeemed !
- 17 Whom You brought and fixed as Your own on Your Hill ;
 The place You had chosen, LORD, for Your work ;
- 18 To the Temple, ALMIGHTY, Your hands had made.

STANZA VIII.

- 19 "The LORD will reign for ever and ever ;
 For the horse of Pharaoh went with his chariot,
 And with his horsemen, into the sea,
 Where the LORD turned on them the flood of the waters ;
 But the children of Israel walked on the dry,—
 Thro' the midst of the sea !"

- 20 Miriam the Poetess, also, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrill in her hand and all the women followed her
 21 with timbrills and dances, and Miriam responded to them ;

The Chorus of Women.

- "Sing to the LORD for gloriously triumphing,
 He has flung the horse and his rider,—
 Into the sea !"

March from the Wall to the Desert of Marah,

- 22 Moses afterwards marched the children of Israel from the Red Sea, and departed from the Desert of the Wall, and advanced three days into

the desert, but found no water. Then 23 they came to Marah, but were unable to drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter ; therefore Moses called it Bitterness. Then the people 24 came to Moses to say ; " Why have you done this ? "

So he cried to the EVER-LIVING, 25 and the EVER-LIVING showed him a tree, which he put into the water and it sweetened it. He gave it therefore the name of the Pit of Calamity, and named it Trial. But 26 he said ;

"If you will listen to the voice of your EVER-LIVING GOD, and do what is right in His eyes, and give your ears to His commands, and keep all His institutions, all the plagues which I laid upon the Mitzerites I will not lay upon you, for I am your EVER-LIVING RESTORER."

After that they came to Ailim, 27 where there were twelve springs of water, and several palm trees, so they encamped there by the springs.

Manna Given.

Then the children of Israel marched 16 from Ailim and came to Arath, in the Desert of Sin, which is between Ailim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month from their departure out of the land of the Mitzeraim. But all the families of 2 the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the 3 Desert ; and the children of Israel said to them ;—

"Why do you kill us by the hand of the EVER-LIVING ? In the land of the Mitzeraim we sat by the flesh pots to gorging ! Why have you brought all the congregation to this Desert to die of hunger ? "

Therefore the EVER-LIVING said 4 to Moses ; "I will rain bread for them from the skies ; and the

- people shall go out to collect it day by day, so that I may try if they will walk in My laws or no. But upon the sixth day they must prepare what they bring in, which shall be twice as much as the daily portion."
- 6 Moses and Aaron consequently said to all the children of Israel; "To-morrow morning you shall know that the EVER-LIVING brought you out of the land of the Mitzeraim, for in the morning you shall see the power of the LORD by His listening to your complaints against the EVER-LIVING, and us, regarding what you have complained against us. And,"
- 8 Moses continued, "the EVER-LIVING will give you flesh to eat in the evening, and bread in the morning to your fill; because the EVER-LIVING has heard your complaints, that you have complained against Him and us;—for you not only complain against us, but against the LORD."
- 9 Then Moses said to Aaron;—"Command all the families of the children of Israel to appear before the EVER-LIVING, for He has heard their murmurs."
- 10 Consequently Aaron commanded all the families of the children of Israel, and they presented themselves in the desert, and saw the splendour of the EVER-LIVING appear in the cloud.
- 11 Then the EVER-LIVING spoke to Moses, saying;—
- 12 "I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them and say; 'In the evening you shall eat flesh; and in the morning you shall be filled with bread:—so that you may know that I am your EVER-LIVING GOD.'"
- 13 When evening arrived therefore quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning a layer of dew surrounded the camp. But when the layer of dew exhaled from the

surface of the desert, grains like scales,—grains like hoar-frost,—covered the ground.

When the children of Israel saw 15 it, they said each to his brother,— "Man ho?"¹ for they did not know what it was. But Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the EVER-LIVING has given for you to eat. And this is the thing that He com- 16 mands; You are to collect each of you according to his requirements a homer for each individual member of the living persons, that you entertain in your tents."

The children of Israel accordingly 17 did so, and collected it from the desert much and little. But when 18 they measured by the homer there was no excess to the much, or deficiency to the little; each had according to the consuming mouths, for Moses had said to them, "Let not 19 any remain until the morning." But 20 some listened not to Moses, but reserved it by them until the morning, when it bred worms; Moses however was angry with them. Therefore they collected it morning 21 by morning, according to the consuming mouths, for when the sun arose it melted. But when the sixth day 22 came they collected a double quantity of bread, two homers, to each, and all the heads of families came to Moses and reported it. When he re- 23 plied to them; "That is what the EVER-LIVING commanded, 'You shall rest a Holy Rest to the EVER-LIVING to-morrow. What you have to bake, bake it, and what you have to boil, boil it, and all the remainder 24 keep by you until the morning.'"

So they laid it up until the morn- 25 ing, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink and worms were not in it. Then Moses said, "Eat it to-day, for to-day is a rest to the EVER-LIVING ;

¹ Translated, "What is it?"—F. F.

- you shall not go out into the field.
 26 You shall collect it six days, but the seventh day is a rest; you shall not do it then." Yet it happened that on the seventh day a man went out to collect,—but he found none.
 28 The EVER-LIVING therefore said to Moses, "Until when shall I entreat them to observe My commands and laws? Let them see that the EVER-LIVING has given them the rest, for He has given to them on the sixth day bread for two days. Let each stay at his home. Let none go out from the camp on the seventh day."
 30 So the People stayed at home on the seventh day.
 31 Thus the House of Israel called it "Man,"¹ and it was like a seed of coriander, white; and the taste of it like cakes and honey.
 32 Moses also said, "This is the rule that the EVER-LIVING commands to be practised continually, to be kept for your generations, so that you may see the bread which I caused you to eat in the desert, whilst I brought you out from the land of Mitzer."
 33 Therefore Moses said to Aaron; "Take a basket, and put into it a full homer of Mana, and place it before the presence of the EVER-LIVING, to preserve for their posterity." So as the EVER-LIVING commanded to Moses, Aaron laid it up in the presence, as a witness, in the treasury.
 35 And the children of Israel ate the mana for forty years. Until they came to the land to rest, they ate the mana; until they came to the border of the land of Canan.²

Marching in Thirst.

- 17 Afterwards the whole body of the children of Israel marched from the Desert of Sin by stages at the command of the LORD, and encamped in exhaustion, for there was no water to quench the people's thirst. There the people contended with Moses, saying, "Give us water, and quench our thirst."

Moses, however, replied; "Why do you mutiny against me? Why do you try the EVER-LIVING?"

¹ "What is it?"—F. F.

² 36 (But a homer is the tenth part of an epha) is an old editor's note, not part of the original text.—F. F.

But the People thirsted then for 3 water, and the People complained against Moses, and said; "Why did you bring us out from Mitzer, to kill us, with our children and cattle, with thirst?"

Then Moses cried to the EVER- 4 LIVING, saying; "What shall I do with these People? For they are ready to stone me!"

But the EVER-LIVING answered 5 Moses; "Pass along before the face of the People and take with you the Magistrates of Israel. Take also in your hand the rod with which you struck the river, and march. I will 6 stand before your face there at the Rock in the Waste, and you shall strike upon the rock, and water shall come out from it, and quench the people."

And Moses did so in sight of the nobles of Israel, and named 7 the spot "Trial" and "Strife,"¹ because of the dispute with the children of Israel, and because of their trial of the EVER-LIVING, saying, "Does the EVER-LIVING exist with us, or not?"

The Amalekites attack Israel.

The Amalekites at this time came 8 with the Rephidites and made war with Israel. Consequently Moses said 9 to Joshua, "Choose your own men and go out to fight with the Amalekites to-morrow, and I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of GOD in my hand."

Joshua, therefore, did as Moses 10 said to him, and fought with Amalek. But Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill; and when 11 Moses held up his hand, Israel became victorious, but when he lowered his hand, Amalek was victor. So when the hand of Moses became 12 weary, they took a stone and placed it under him and he rested upon it, and Aaron and Hur supported his hand, first one and then the other, so that his hand was stretched out until sunset, when Joshua defeated Amalek 13 and his people, by the edge of the sword.

The EVER-LIVING afterwards said 14 to Moses; "Write this and record it in a book, and instruct Joshua that I

¹ Masah and Meribah.

will blot the memory of Amalek from under the skies."

- 15 Moses then built an altar, and called its name "The Throne of the
16 EVER-LIVING,"¹ and he said;—

"With the hand upon the throne of JACOB,
Fight Amalek for the LORD from age to age!"

Jethro meets Moses.

- 18 When Jethro, the priest of Midian, the father-in-law of Moses, heard all that GOD had done for Moses, and for Israel, His People;—how the EVER-LIVING had led Israel out of
2 Mitzer,—then Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, took Zifora, the wife of Moses, who had sent her back, and her two sons,—(the name of the first was Gershom, for he said, "I have been a stranger in a strange
4 land,—and the name of the other Aeliazar,—"For the GOD of my fathers has been a comfort and refuge to me from the sword of Pharaoh;")—so Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, brought his two sons and his wife to Moses in the desert, where the Mount of GOD is. And he said to Moses, "I, Jethro, your father-in-law, have come to you with your wife and two sons with me."
7 Then Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and bowed to him and kissed him, and they mutually enquired after their health. Then
8 they came to the tent. Moses there related to his father-in-law all that the EVER-LIVING had done to Pharaoh and to the Mitzeraim on account of Israel;—all the troubles which met them on the road, and how the EVER-LIVING delivered
9 them. And Jethro was glad at all the good which the EVER-LIVING had done to Israel, and His redemption of them from the hand of the
10 Mitzeraim. So Jethro said, "Bless the EVER-LIVING Who has delivered you from the hand of the Mitzeraim and from the hand of Pharaoh, and Who has delivered this People from under the hand of the Mitzerites.
11 Now you can perceive how much greater the EVER-LIVING is, than all their Gods, by the events with which He overwhelmed them."
12 Then Jethro, the father-in-law of

Moses, took burnt offerings and sacrifices to GOD, and Aaron and all the nobles of Israel came and dined with the father-in-law of Moses before GOD.¹

Moses administering Justice.

The next day, however, Moses sat 13 to administer justice to the People, and Moses remained from morning to evening. And the father-in-law of 14 Moses saw all that he did for the People, and said; "What is this business that you do for the People? Why do you sit alone, and all the People standing before you from morn till night?"

When Moses replied to his father-in-law; "Because all the People 15 come to me to enquire of the EVER-LIVING. Whoever among them has 16 a dispute comes to me and I decide between man and man, and I make known the decision of GOD, and His laws."

Advice of Jethro on it.

But the father-in-law of Moses 17 answered him; "The practice that you follow is not good. You are not 18 prudent, nor are this people who are with you; for their affairs are more than you are able to bear alone. Therefore listen to my voice. I will 19 advise you, and GOD will be with you. Let now the People appear before GOD, and bring their affairs to GOD, and instruct them in the decisions of 20 His laws, and inform them the way they should walk in, and the acts they should do. Also choose for 21 yourself, from all the People, strong men, who fear GOD and hate bribes, and place over them as chiefs of thousands, chiefs of hundreds, chiefs of fifties and chiefs of tens, and let 22 them judge the People at all times, and let only all the great affairs be brought to you, but let them judge all the little matters, and thus ease yourself,—for they load you.

"If you do this and GOD confirms it, 23 then you can appoint it, and all these people can arrange their affairs with ease."

¹ V. 12. It is evident from this record that the exile of Moses in Arabia had been a period of spiritual education under Jethro, and that the Arabs had preserved the Faith of Abraham in greater purity than the Egyptised Hebrews. —F. F.

- 24 Moses, consequently, listened to the suggestion of his father-in-law,
 25 and did all that he said. Moses therefore chose strong men from all Israel, and placed them as heads over the people; chiefs of thousands and chiefs of hundreds and chiefs of tens,
 26 and they judged the people at all times in their affairs;—bringing the difficult matters to Moses,—but in the small affairs they decided for themselves.
 27 Moses afterwards took leave of his father-in-law who went to his own country.

Israel arrives at Sinai.

- 19 At the third month from the coming out of the land of the Mitzeraim, on that day they came to the desert of 2 Sinai. Then the Rephidim also marched and came to the desert of Sinai, and encamped in the desert. Israel also encamped there near the hill.

God appears to Moses.

- 3 Then Moses went up to GOD, and the EVER-LIVING called to him from the hill saying;—"Say this to the House of Jacob, and inform the 4 children of Israel, 'You have seen what I did to the Mitzeraim, and lifted you on the wings of eagles, and brought you to Me, so now if you will listen to My voice, and keep My laws, then you shall be to Me a peculiar People, more than all the 6 Peoples of the earth. And you shall be to Me a Royal Priesthood, and a Holy Nation.'—These are the words you shall speak to the children of Israel."
 7 Moses consequently went and assembled the nobles of the People, and set before them the whole of these promises as the EVER-LIVING 8 commanded. And all the People answered at once, and said, "We will do all the EVER-LIVING commands." Then Moses reported the declaration of the People to the EVER-LIVING.
 9 And the EVER-LIVING replied to Moses, "Now I will come to you. In a cloud of fire I will pass by. The People shall hear Me talk with you, and also I will remain with you always." Then Moses reported the declaration of the People to the EVER-LIVING.

When the EVER-LIVING replied to 10 Moses; "Go to the People and sanctify them to-day, and to-morrow, and wash their clothes, and on the 11 third day let them assemble; for on the third day the EVER-LIVING will descend in the sight of all the People upon Mount Sinai. But you shall 12 keep the people at a distance around, by ordering, 'Take care that you do not go up to the Hill, or touch its skirts. All who touch the Hill shall die! Whether a beast or a man, let 13 them not touch it with the hand! or they shall be stoned with stones, or pierced with a dart; they shall not live who approach to ascend the Hill!'"

Consequently Moses descended 14 from the Hill to the People, and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothing. And he said, 15 "Restrain yourselves for three days, not to touch a woman."

The Divine Manifestation on Sinai.

When the third day came to the 16 day-break, there were voices and lightnings, and a heavy cloud over the Hill, and the sound of a powerful trumpet, so that all the people in the camp trembled. Then Moses brought 17 out from the camp all the people to meet GOD, and stationed them below the Hill. And the Hill of Sinai smoked 18 all over its surface, when the EVER-LIVING descended upon it in fire; and its smoke went up like the smoke of a smelting furnace, and the whole hill trembled greatly; and there was 19 the continuous sound of a trumpet; but Moses very boldly spoke, and GOD answered him by voice. Then 20 the EVER-LIVING descended on to the Hill of Sinai, on to the top of the Hill, and the EVER-LIVING called Moses to the top of the Hill, and Moses ascended.

Then the EVER-LIVING said to 21 Moses, "Descend at once to the People for fear they should break through to see, and numbers fall before Me. Let the Priests also who 22 sacrifice to the EVER-LIVING sanctify themselves, lest the LORD afflict them."

But Moses replied to the EVER- 23 LIVING; "The people cannot ascend the Hill of Sinai, for You commanded us, saying, 'Go a distance from the Hill, and sanctify yourselves.'"

- 24 The EVER-LIVING, however, answered him; "Go! Descend! and return, you, and Aaron with you. But the Priests, and the people must not attempt to ascend to the LORD, lest He afflict them."
- 25 So Moses descended to the people and spoke to them.

The Ten Commandments.

- 20 Then the EVER-LIVING dictated all these commands, and said;

COMMANDMENT I.

- 2 "I am your EVER-LIVING GOD, Who brought you out from the Mitzeraim, from the house of bondage. There shall be no other GOD to you, except MYSELF."

COMMANDMENT II.

- 4 "You shall not make for yourselves any image, or likeness of anything that is in the heavens above; or that is upon the earth beneath; or that is in the waters lower than the earth;
- 5 you shall not worship them or serve them, for I, your EVER-LIVING GOD, am a jealous GOD, visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those
- 6 who hate Me; but I show mercy for thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

COMMANDMENT III.

- 7 "You shall not take the Name of your EVER-LIVING GOD in vain, for the LORD will not hold guiltless the taking of His Name in vain.

COMMANDMENT IV.

- 8 "Remember the seventh day to
- 9 keep it holy. Six days you may
- 10 labour, and do all your business, but the seventh day is a Rest to your EVER-LIVING GOD. You shall not then do any business, you, or your son, or your daughter, your man-servant, or your maid-servant, or your cattle, or your stranger who is within
- 11 your gates; for in six ages the EVER-LIVING made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, but rested at the seventh age; therefore the EVER-LIVING blessed the seventh day and hallowed it.

COMMANDMENT V.

- 12 "Honour your father and your

mother, that your days may be long in the land which the EVER-LIVING GOD will give to you.

COMMANDMENT VI.

- "You shall not murder. 13

COMMANDMENT VII.

- "You shall not commit adultery. 14

COMMANDMENT VIII.

- "You shall not steal. 15

COMMANDMENT IX.

- "You shall not bear false witness 16 against your neighbour.

COMMANDMENT X.

- "You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife; or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbour's." 17

The Terror of Israel.

And all the People perceived the 18 sounds and the flamings, and the trumpet voice, and the smoke from the mountain;—so the people feared and shook in themselves, and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 19

"You speak with us, and we can listen: but let not GOD speak with us, for fear we should die."

Moses, however, answered to the 20 People, "Fear not! for GOD has come to you to try you, and to test whether you will fear Him henceforward, and not sin."

So the People stood afar off, but 21 Moses approached the thick darkness where GOD was.

Then the EVER-LIVING said to 22 Moses; "Say this to the children of Israel, you have seen that from the heavens I have spoken with you. Never make for yourselves a God of 23 silver, or a God of gold. You shall not make them for yourselves. You 24 shall make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall offer upon it your sacrifices and your thank offerings, your sheep, and your oxen. In every place where I record MY NAME, I will come to you and bless you. But 25 if you make an altar of stone to Me, it shall not be of cut stones, for if you carve with a cutter upon it, then it will be polluted. And you shall not 26 pile up pyramids for an altar so that

your nakedness may not be discovered when you go up to it."

The Law of Social Life.

- 21 "Now these are the decrees which
2 you shall put before them: A servant
shall serve six years' servitude, and in
the seventh he shall go out to free-
3 dom. If he is single, he shall go out
single; if he has a wife, his wife shall
4 go out with him. But if his master has
given him a wife, and she has borne
sons or daughters to him, the wife
and her children which she has borne
shall belong to the master, and he
5 shall go away single. If, however,
the servant says, 'I like my master,
my wife, and my children,' he shall
6 not go into freedom; but his master
shall present him to the magistrates,
and station him at the door, or at the
door-posts, and his master shall pierce
his ear with an awl, and he shall
serve continuously.

Law of Marriage.

- 7 "If a man sells his daughter to be
a mother, she should not go as if
8 going into slavery. If she is not
pleasing in the eyes of her master,
when he has not known her, then he
shall free her to her own people with-
out a payment; he shall not have
power to sell her because of his
9 treachery to her. But if she has
borne a child to him, then he shall
treat her according to the law about
wives.
10 "If he takes another to her, he
shall not diminish her share for
11 clothing, and conjugal rights. And
if a third to these, he shall not send
her away destitute, without money."

Law of Murder.

- 12 "Whoever assails a man and he
13 dies;—He shall be put to death. But
if he did not lie in wait, but his
stroke came from GOD, then you
shall provide a place where he may
14 fly. If, however, a man plans against
his neighbour to murder him; then
you shall take him from My altar to
kill him.
15 "And whoever assaults his father
or his mother; He shall be killed.
16 "Whoever steals a man and sells
him; when he is caught he shall be
put to death.

"Whoever curses his father or 17
mother; he shall be put to death.

"And when men contend, and a 18
man assaults his neighbour with a
stone or a clod, but he does not die,
yet is reduced to his bed, if he re- 19
covers and can walk out upon his
crutch, and he escapes from the
injury, except his loss of time, he
shall be compensated, and the phy-
sician paid for his cure.

"And if a man strikes his slave, or 20
his maid-servant, with his stick and
he dies under his hand, they shall be
avenged. Yet if these continue a 21
day, or some days, they shall not be
avenged, for they were his property.

"And when two persons quarrel, 22
and they strike a pregnant woman,
and her child comes out, and mis-
chief does not ensue; he shall be
fined, according to what is laid upon
him to compensate the woman, and
that shall be fixed by the judges.
But if mischief ensues, you shall 23
inflict life for life: eye for eye; tooth 24
for tooth; hand for hand; foot for
foot: mark for mark: mutilation for 25
mutilation: wound for wound: blow
for blow.

"And if any man strikes his slave 26
in the eye, so that his eye becomes
blind, he shall let him go free instead
of his eye.

"And if a tooth from his slave, so 27
that the tooth is destroyed, in com-
pensation he shall set him free,
instead of his tooth.

"And if a bullock butts a man and 28
the man dies, you shall stone the
bullock, and not eat of its flesh, but
destroy the bullock for nothing. But 29
if the bullock were accustomed to
butt formerly, and his owner knew it,
and did not guard it, and it kills a
man, or a woman, the bullock shall
be stoned and the owner put to
death.

"But if a fine is laid upon him, he 30
shall pay it, and his life be free from
all, because of the fine laid upon
him. Whether a man or a woman 31
is butted, it shall be done according
to this decree.

"If a slave man or woman is butted 32
by a bullock, thirty shekels of silver
shall be given to their master, and the
bullock be stoned.

Laws of Accidents and Thefts.

"And if a man opens a well, or 33
digs a well, and does not cover it,

and an ox or an ass shall fall into it, because of the well he shall pay a money fine to its owner, and the dead shall be his.

34 "And if the bullock of a man gores the bullock of his neighbour, and it dies, then they shall sell the living bullock, and divide the money, and they shall also divide the dead. But if its master know that the bullock gored formerly, and he did not guard it, he shall compensate with a bullock for the bullock, and the dead shall be to him.

36 "If a man steals a bullock or a sheep, and slaughters it, or sells it, he shall compensate with five bullocks in place of the ox, or four sheep in place of the sheep.

22 "If a thief is found breaking in, and is struck and dies; there is not blood-guilt for him. If the sun was shining on him, he may redeem his blood. If he has nothing then he shall be sold for stealing.

3 "If you find his theft in his hand, as a bullock, or an ass, or sheep, alive, he shall be fined by two.

The Laws of Property.

4 "If the farm or vineyard of a man is burnt, and ruffians from his village burn his farm, or part of his farm, or a part of his vineyard, it shall be compensated.

5 "If you make a fire, and it fires the bushes, and consumes the standing corn, or a homestead, or a farm; it shall be compensated from the burner to the burnt.

6 "Whoever places with his neighbour money or goods as trustee, and they are stolen upon the premises of that person, if the thief is discovered he shall repay twice as much. If the thief is not found, then the master of the premises shall approach the House of GOD and swear he has not put his hand upon the property of his neighbour; upon anything lost, upon ox, or ass, or sheep, or clothing, or anything strayed, and shall say that as a witness to GOD, he brings twice as much as was lost to GOD. He shall recompense his neighbour double.

9 "If a man entrusts to his neighbour an ass, or ox, or sheep, or any cattle, to take care of, and it dies or is torn, or tears, out of his sight, there shall be an oath to the LORD between the

two, that he has not put his hand upon the property of his neighbour, and its owner shall take it, and not be compensated. But if it has been 11 stolen from him, he shall compensate its owner. If it is torn he shall bring 12 the torn pieces as a proof. He shall not compensate.

"And if a man hires it of his neighbour, and it is broken or dies, and its owner is not with it, he shall be compensated. If its owner is with it, he 14 shall not be compensated; if it was hired, he went for the wages.

Laws of Morality.

"And if a man seduces a girl who 15 has not been betrothed to him, and lies with her so that she conceives, she shall be his wife. But if her 16 father is unwilling to give her to him, he shall pay money as a dowry for the girl. She shall not live as a slave. 17

"Whoever lies with a beast shall 18 be put to death.

"No sacrifice shall be burnt to gods, 19 except to the EVER-LIVING only.

"You shall not persecute or oppress 20 foreigners; for you were foreigners in the land of the Mitzeraim.

"You shall not annoy any widow or 21 orphan. If you wrong them, so that 22 they cry to me, I shall hear their cry, and My anger will burn, and I will 23 slay you by the sword, and your own wives shall be widows, and your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to My People, 24 My poor among you; you shall not be to them like a usurer. You shall not put upon them usury. If your 25 neighbour deposits with you as a pledge a garment, at the setting of the sun you shall return it to him; for it is his only covering with which 26 he clothes his body, in which he lies down; and it may be he will cry to Me, when I will hear, for I am merciful.

The Laws of Reverence towards God.

"You shall not blaspheme GOD, and 27 shall not curse the princes of your nation.

"You shall not delay to give to Me 28 the first produce of your farm, and vineyard. You shall do the same 29 with your cow, and your sheep. It shall be seven days with its mother, and on the seventh day you shall give it to Me.

30 "As you shall be holy men to Me, you shall not eat of torn flesh, that has been torn in the field. You must throw it to the dogs.

23 "You shall not make a false oath. You shall not set your hand to commit fraud. You shall not be a false witness.

2 "You shall not go with the powerful to do wrong; and you shall not plead for the powerful to make excuse

3 for their wrong-doing. And you shall not turn away from the poor man when he pleads.

4 "When you meet with the cow, or ass of your enemy straying, you shall take it back to him.

5 "When you see the ass of your enemy fallen under its load, and you can ease and free it for him, you shall help to free it with him.

6 "You shall not pervert justice from the destitute when he pleads.

7 "Keep far off from false pretence. You shall not kill the innocent, and the righteous, for I will not acquit

8 the wicked. And you shall not receive bribes, for bribes blind open eyes, and pervert the words of the righteous.

9 "And you shall not oppress a foreigner, for you know the feelings of a foreigner; since you were foreigners in the land of the Mitzeraim.

Law of Agriculture.

10 "For six years you shall sow the
11 earth, and gather its produce, but in the seventh you shall manure it, and spread it out, and the destitute of your people shall eat, and the rest the animals of the field shall eat. You shall do the same with your

12 vineyards and olive plantations. Six days you shall do all your business, but the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your ass may take comfort, and your servants and foreigners refresh themselves.

13 "And all that I say to you you shall regard; for you shall not remember a name of other Gods, and it shall not be heard from your mouth.

Law about Sacred Festivals.

14 "Three times in a year you shall make a festival to Me.

15 "The feast of unfermented bread¹ you shall keep for seven days. You

shall eat biscuits, as I commanded you, at the season of the month of harvest,¹ for in it you came out of Mitzer, and you did not see My presence in vain.

"And you shall make the feast of 16 the first-fruits of harvest, when you sow in the field; and the feast of harvest-home at the end of the year when you gather in your produce from the fields.

"Three times in the year all your 17 men shall come before Me, the ALMIGHTY LORD.

"You shall not sacrifice with fer- 18 mented bread a blood-sacrifice to Me; and the fat of My feast shall not be kept till the morning.

"The best of the first-fruits of your 19 ground you shall bring to the hand of your EVER-LIVING GOD.

"You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

"Then I will send My Messenger 20 before your face to guard you in your way, and to bring you to the place where I will fix you. Regard his 21 presence, and listen to his voice. Grieve him not, that he may not rise to punish you, for My POWER is around him. But if you listen to 22 his voice, and do all that I shall command, then I will love you, but I will distress your distressers. For 23 My Messenger shall march before you, and bring you to the Amorites, and the Hitites, and the Perizites, and the Cananites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and destroy them.

Prohibition of Paganism and Idolatry.

"You shall not worship their Gods, 24 and not serve them, and you shall not make like them, but you shall destroy, and you shall break their pillars; and you shall serve your 25 EVER-LIVING GOD, and He will bless your bread, and your water, and will turn war away from around you. You shall not be childless, and 26 sterile in your land. You shall fulfil your days.

Promises to the Faithful.

"I will send My terror before your 27 face, and will terrify every Nation when you arrive at them; and I will make all your enemies to turn their back to you. And I will send the 28

¹ Biscuits.

¹ Abib.

Destroyer before you, and drive out the Hitites and the Cananites and the Hivites from before your approach. I will not drive them away in a year from before you, lest the earth should become waste, and the beasts of the field should increase upon you. I will drive them out little by little before you, until you multiply and can inherit the country. And your two boundaries shall be from the Sea of Weeds at the Sea of Philistia through the desert to the River,¹ which I will give to your hand, and I will drive the inhabitants of the country from before you. You shall not make a treaty with them, or a covenant with their Gods. They shall not reside in your land, for fear they would cause you to sin against Me, so that you would serve their Gods, for I am the EVER-LIVING, for you to reverence."

Moses and Aaron and the Princes ascend Sinai.

Then it was commanded to Moses; "Go up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the princes of Israel, and let them worship at a distance. But Moses shall approach alone to the EVER-LIVING; for they must not approach, nor the people go up with him." So Moses went and reported to the people the whole of the commands of the EVER-LIVING, and the whole of His decrees; when all the people answered with one voice, and said; "All the commands which the EVER-LIVING commands, we will do."

Moses records these Laws.

Moses afterwards wrote down all the commands of the LORD and arose in the morning, and built an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. And he commissioned representatives of the children of Israel who went out and offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings to the EVER-LIVING. Moses also took part of the blood and put it in basins, and part of the blood he sprinkled upon the altar. Then he took the book of the Covenant, and read it in the hearing of the People, and they said; "All that the EVER-LIVING has commanded, we will do and listen to."

¹ Euphrates.

Moses consequently took the blood and sprinkled it upon the People, and said, "This is the blood of the Covenant which the EVER-LIVING has settled with you, in all these commands."

The Chiefs ascend Sinai.

Afterwards Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and the seventy princes of Israel went up, and saw the GOD of Israel, and under His feet was like the dazzle of sapphire stones, and the splendour of the clear sun; but upon the nobles of the children of Israel, He did not extend His hand. They however gazed upon God; and they ate and drank.

Moses called to Sinai.

Then the EVER-LIVING said to Moses; "Come up to the mountain to Me, and stay there, and I will give you stone slabs, with the Laws and Commandments which I have written for your instruction."

Therefore Moses arose with Joshua his attendant, and Moses went up the mount to GOD. But the princes said, "Let us remain here, until you return to us, and also Aaron and Hur with us,—Why should the words of the EVER-LIVING come to us?"

Consequently Moses ascended the hill, and a cloud covered the hill, and the splendour of the EVER-LIVING rested upon the hill of Sinai; and the cloud covered it six days. Then He called to Moses on the seventh day out of the cloud, and the glory of the EVER-LIVING appeared like a consuming fire on the head of the mountain to the eyes of the children of Israel.

Moses, therefore, went into the midst of the cloud, and ascended the hill. And Moses was upon the hill forty days and forty nights.

The Instructions on Sinai.

There the EVER-LIVING spoke to Moses and said, "Tell the children of Israel that they must bring offerings to Me. From anything their heart induces them, they may offer. And these are the offerings they may offer for themselves, gold, silver, and brass, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and red; spun goats' hair, and red ram skins, and badgers' skins, and acacia wood; oil for the light for the lamps, with oil to anoint, and incense to perfume; and make for

Me a Sanctuary, and I will dwell
 9 amongst them. Exactly according to
 the pattern I have shown you, you
 shall form the dwelling, and form all
 its furniture,—thus you shall make it.
 10 “You shall also make an ark of
 acacia wood, of two cubits and a half
 long and two cubits and a half
 breadth, and a cubit and a half high,
 11 and you shall plate it with pure gold
 inside and out, and wreath and make
 12 a border of gold around it. You shall
 also cast rings of pure gold, and
 place on the four corners of it. That
 is, two rings on one side of it, and
 two rings on the other side of it.
 13 And you shall make staves of acacia
 14 wood, and plate them with gold, and
 put the staves into the rings on the
 sides of the ark, to carry the ark by
 15 them. The staves shall remain in
 the rings;—they shall not be removed
 16 from them. You shall then put into
 the ark the evidences that I will give
 17 to you. You shall also make a cover
 of pure gold of two cubits in length
 and a cubit and a half in breadth.
 18 You shall besides make two covers of
 gold, shaped as dishes, in two divisions
 19 for the covers. Make the cases
 thus;—one for each side, and a kerub
 for that division of the cover. You
 shall make it with kerubim upon the
 20 two divisions. Thus the kerubim
 will be stretching their wings as over-
 shadowing the covers with their wings
 with the wings of each towards his
 brother over the covers. The kerubim
 shall be face to face.
 21 “Then you shall place the covers
 upon the top of the ark, and you shall
 put into the ark the evidences that
 22 I will give to you. Then I will instruct
 you there, and I will speak to you
 from off the covers, from between the
 two kerubim, which are upon the
 ark, all that I command you for the
 children of Israel.
 23 “You shall also make a table of
 acacia wood, two cubits long and a
 cubit broad, and a cubit and a half
 24 high, and plate it with pure gold, and
 make a border of gold around it.
 25 Construct thus a border like a coping
 around it, and make points of gold
 26 upon the surrounding border. Also
 make for it four staves of gold, and
 put the staves in the four sockets
 27 which are above the legs. These
 four sockets shall be above the border,
 for the staves to carry the table by.
 28 So you shall make the staves of

acacia wood, and plate them with
 gold, to carry the table. You shall 29
 also make dishes, and spoons, and
 bowls, and the cups in which the
 wine is, of pure gold, and place upon 30
 the table the shewbread before Me
 continually.

“You shall also make lamps of 31
 pure gold. Make the lamp with
 spreading branches, with a stalk
 rising upwards like a blossom, with a
 bowl on it. Let there be six stalks 32
 going from the sides of it. Three
 stalks for lamps on one side of it,
 and three stalks for lamps on the
 other side of it. Three nobbs with 33
 almonds on each stalk, a flower and
 a bowl; the same for each of the
 three stalks that are provided for the
 lamps, and for the fourth lamp a 34
 nob with an almond, a nob and a
 bowl, and a nob under two of the stalks
 between them, and a nob under two 35
 of the stalks between them, and a
 nob under two of the stalks between
 them, for the six branches that come
 from the lamp. The nobbs and the 36
 stalks between them shall be, all of
 them, each one, turned from pure gold.

“You shall also make seven re- 37
 flectors to throw the light in front of
 themselves. And dishes and snuffers 38
 of pure gold. You shall use a talent¹ 39
 of pure gold for it, and all its instru-
 ments. And be careful to make them 40
 according to the pattern I showed
 you on the mountain.

“You shall also make for the tent 26
 ten curtains of twisted linen, and
 azure, purple, and blue, ornamented
 artistically with two kerubs. The 2
 width of each curtain shall be
 eighteen cubits, and the height of
 it four cubits. The extent of each
 curtain shall be the same to all the
 curtains. Two curtains shall be 3
 attached one to the other; and five
 curtains attached one to the other.
 You shall also make loops of azure 4
 on the edge of each of the curtains
 in the selvege to join them; and make 5
 the same in the selvege of the two
 curtains to join them. Make five
 loops to each curtain: thus make
 five loops on the selvege of the two
 curtains that are joined by the opposite
 loops to the first one. And make five 6
 golden hooks to unite the curtains,

¹ £5.475 sterling, at £4 per oz. But the pur-
 chasing power of gold was at that period at
 least forty or fifty times what it is now.—F. F.

each to the other by hooks, so that they may be one tent.

- 7 "Also make curtains of goat-skin as a covering for the first tent. Make
8 eleven curtains of them. The length of the first curtain to be thirty cubits, and the breadth four cubits. Make
9 each one of the eleven curtains the same. Then join five of the curtains together, and six curtains together, for the doublings of the sixth curtain
10 in the front of the tent. You shall also make fifty loops upon the edge of the first curtain, upon the selvage at the juncture; and fifty loops upon
11 the edge of the second curtain. And make hooks for the loops and unite them for the pavilion and let it be
12 one. But part of the curtains must hang down from the roof of the pavilion; half the curtains of the roof you shall hang over the back
13 part of the tent, with a cubit on this side, and a cubit on that side, for the fold in the length of the curtains of the pavilion shall hang down over the sides of the tent on this side,
14 and that side, to conceal it. You shall in addition, make a covering to the tent of red ram skins; and a covering of skins of badgers all over it.
- 15 "You also make the boards of the Sanctuary of acacia wood, planed; ten cubits the length of each board, and a cubit and a half the breadth of
16 each plank. You shall set clasps upon the first plank at the edges of
17 each of its counterparts. You shall do the same to all the planks of the
18 Sanctuary. And make the planks for the Sanctuary twenty planks for the
19 face to the right; with forty sockets of silver to fix under the twenty planks. Two sockets under each plank to fix the clutches into.
- 20 "And upon the second side of the Sanctuary, to face the north, twenty planks, and forty sockets of silver, two sockets under each plank, and two clutches under each plank.
- 22 "And to the breadth of the Sanctuary, westward, you shall make six
23 planks, with two planks made for a
24 corner of the Sanctuary at its lengths. And there shall be rings to fasten them: for the one shall have a ring on the top of it, to meet the ring of the other. This shall be for the two
25 corners: that is eight planks, with their sockets of silver; sixteen sockets; two sockets for each plank.
- 26 "Make also cross-bars of acacia

wood, five to a plank at one side of the Sanctuary; and five cross-bars 27 for the second side of the Sanctuary; and five cross-bars to the planks at the side of the Sanctuary stretching west; and fix the cross-bars in the middle of the planks, with bolts from one junction to the other junction. And overlay the planks and their 29 rings with gold. Make also of gold, rests for the cross-bars, and plate the cross-bars with gold. And erect 30 the Sanctuary according to the plan I showed you in the mount.

"Make besides a veil of azure, and 31 purple and blue, and red, and twisted linen. Ornament it with an embroidery of kerubim, and place it 32 upon four supports of acacia, overlaid with gold, with pins of gold, upon four sockets of silver. And 33 hang the veil below the hooks, and bring there, within the veil to the Holy of Holies, the Ark of the Witnesses. Then put the covers upon 34 the ark in the Holy of Holies. And 35 place the table outside the veil, and put the lamp upon the table at the south side of the Sanctuary, and place the table towards the north side.

"Then make a skreen for the door 36 of the tent; of azure and purple, and blue, and have it embroidered with spun flax. Also make five standards 37 of acacia for the skreen, and plate them with gold, and have pins of gold, and cast for them five sockets of brass.

"Make besides an altar of acacia 27 wood, five cubits long and five cubits broad. The altar shall be square, and its height three cubits. And 2 make horns to it upon its four sides. The horns shall project from it. You shall also sheathe it in brass. And 3 make buckets for the ashes, and shovels, and brushes, and tongs. Make all its instruments of brass. Make also a net like a lattice of brass, 4 and form on the network four projections of brass, on its four corners, and fix it below the fire-place of the altar by its projections, so that the grating may be in the centre of the altar.

"Make also staves for the altar, 6 staves of acacia wood, and plate them with brass; so that the staves may go 7 into projections, and let the staves be upon the two sides of the altar, to carry it by. Make it with hollow 8 panels such as were shown to you in

the mountain. You shall make them the same.

Form of the Sanctuary.

- 9 "Make the court of the Sanctuary to face towards the south. The curtains of the court of spun linen, one hundred cubits in length on one face, with twenty standards, and twenty sockets, of brass, with spikes to the standards, and hooks of silver.
- 11 "And then on the length of the north side one hundred cubits of curtains, and twenty standards, with their twenty sockets of brass, with spikes for the standards, and hooks of silver.
- 12 "Let the breadth of the court to face the west be fifty cubits of curtains, ten standards, and ten sockets.
- 13 "And the breadth of the court to face the east, towards the sun-rise, fifty cubits, with fifteen cubits of curtains to the gateway, with three standards, and three sockets. And from the other shoulder fifteen cubits with three standards, and three sockets. But for the gate of the court let there be a mask of twenty cubits, made of azure, and purple, and crimson, and blue, and red, and embroidered spun linen, with four standards and four sockets. All the standards around the court shall have silver connecting rods and pins of silver, and sockets of brass. The length of the court a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty by fifty: and the height five cubits of spun linen with standards of brass; with all the furniture of the Sanctuary, and all the service, and all its nails, and all the nails of the court of brass.
- 20 "You shall further command the children of Israel that they must bring to you pure pressed olive oil for the lamps, for a continual offering, in the pavilion of the Testimony, outside the veil which is over the evidences, providing it for Aaron and his sons to serve till the morning before the EVER-LIVING, as an everlasting institution for their descendants, among the children of Israel.

The Institution of a Priesthood.

- 28 "And you shall separate to yourself Aaron your brother, and his sons with him from among the children of Israel, to be Priests to Me: Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, Eliazar, and Aithamar,

the sons of Aaron. Also make sacred robes for Aaron, your brother, to honour and beautify him. And speak to all the skilful-minded, who have a skilful intellect, that they should make those robes for Aaron, to consecrate him as a Priest to Me. And these are the robes which they shall make; a breastplate, and ephod, and a cloak, and a cape of embroidery; with a turban and girdle.—These are the sacred robes to be made for Aaron your brother, and for his sons, as Priest to Me.

"They must also bring gold and azure, and purple, and blue, and red, and thread.

"Make the ephod of gold, azure, purple, blue, red, and spun linen embroidery. The two shoulder pieces shall be joined to it on the two sides, and fastened; and the embroidery, which they work upon the ephod, shall be of gold, azure, and purple, and blue, red, and spun flax. Then you shall take two onyx stones and engrave upon them the names of the sons of Israel; six of their names upon one stone, and the names of the other six of them upon the second stone, in order of their birth. You shall make the engraving like a seal. Having engraved the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel, you shall cause them to be surrounded with settings of gold; and set the two stones upon the two shoulders of the ephod, as stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall carry their names before the EVER-LIVING upon his two shoulders for a remembrance.

"Make, as well, settings of gold, and two chains of pure gold. Make them with edgings, as a wreath is made, and fix the chains on to the settings.

"Also make a breastplate of Justice, of embroidery like the ephod. Make it of gold, azure, and purple, and blue, red, and spun linen combined. It shall be square; a double span long, and a span wide, with settings in it: a setting of four stones in a row.

"A ruby, a topaz, and a diamond for the first row.

"The second row, an emerald, a sapphire, a jasper.

"The third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

"The fourth row, an amber, an onyx and pearl.

21 "They shall be in settings of gold with their fastenings: and the stones shall have the names of the twelve sons of Israel, their names engraven like a seal; each shall have one name of the twelve tribes.

22 "Also make for the breastplate linked chains, of pure gold, as a wreath. Also make for the breastplate two buttons of gold, and fix the two buttons on the two edges of the breastplate, and fix the two wreaths of gold upon the two buttons at the edges of the breastplate, and the two ends of the two wreaths you shall fasten on to the two settings, and put them upon the shoulders of the ephod, upon its front face.

26 "Also make two buttons of gold, and place them on the two sides of the breastplate, upon its edges, where the ephod turns over to its inside. Besides, you shall make buttons of gold and fix them upon the two shoulders of the ephod, extending from the front of it to the juncture at the top of the girdle of the ephod, and shall bind on the breastplate by its button to the hook of the ephod, so that the breastplate shall not fall from off the ephod. Thus Aaron will carry the names of the sons of Israel, upon the breastplate of justice, upon his heart, when he goes to the Sanctuary, as a remembrance before GOD continually.

30 "Also fix on to the breastplate the Urim and Thumim,¹ so that they may be over the heart of Aaron when he goes before the EVER-LIVING, and Aaron shall carry justice for the children of Israel before the EVER-LIVING continually.

31 "Also make for the cape of the ephod loops of azure, and let there be eyelets at the middle of the edge; at the seam around it, made like the weaving for the eyelets of a coat of mail, so as not to tear away.

33 "Also make upon the hem pomegranates of azure, and purple, and blue, and red, on the hems around, and bells of gold beside them around; a bell of gold and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the cape around. And they shall be upon Aaron when ministering, so that their sound may be heard at his going into the

Sanctuary before the EVER-LIVING, and coming from Him, so that he may not die.

"Make also a Flower of pure gold, 36 and engrave upon it like the engraving of a seal, 'Holiness to the LORD,' and fasten to it an azure cord, that it 37 may be held upon the turban, in the front of the turban, and be above the 38 brow of Aaron, so that Aaron may carry their weaknesses to the Sanctuaries when he sanctifies the children of Israel, sanctifying them with every offering: so it shall be above his brow continually, to bring favour to them from the EVER-LIVING.

"Also embroider a robe of white 39 linen, and make a turban of white linen, and make an embroidered sash.

"Make also robes for the sons of 40 Aaron; and make for them sashes, and make them mitres, to honour and adorn them. And clothe with them 41 Aaron your brother, and his sons with them. Then consecrate them, and put a ring on their hands and sanctify them, and they shall be My Priests. Also make drawers for their legs, to 42 cover their naked body from the waist, and to extend down the thighs. These 43 shall be worn by Aaron and his sons when they go into the Tent of the Congregation, or to clothe them at the altar, when serving religion, so that they may not excite passion and die. This is a perpetual order to him, and his descendants after him.

The Method of Consecrating Priests.

"And these are the things you shall 29 use in consecrating them to be Priests to Me:—

"You shall take an heifer from the cows, and two perfect rams; and un- 2 fermented bread, and unfermented cakes mixed with oil; and then unfermented wafers buttered with oil, which you shall make of wheaten flour, and put them in a basket, and 3 offer them in the basket, with the heifer and the two rams.

"Then Aaron and his sons shall 4 approach the door of the Hall of Assembly and you shall wash them with water.

"Next you shall take the garments 5 and clothe Aaron with the robe, and the cape of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and you shall invest him with the adjuncts of the ephod. Then you shall place the 6

¹ "Light and Truth" is the meaning when translated, the lesson of which I need not dwell upon.—F. F.

- turban upon his head, and the Crown of Righteousness upon the turban.
- 7 "Afterwards take the Oil of Consecration and pour it upon his head, and consecrate him.
- 8 "Then bring forward his sons and
- 9 clothe them with their robes, and gird Aaron and his sons with the sashes and bind the mitres on them, which shall indicate the priesthood, as a perpetual institution. Appoint Aaron, and appoint his sons in this manner.
- 10 "Next you shall bring forward the heifer before the Hall of Assembly, and Aaron and his sons shall strike their hands upon the head of the
- 11 heifer. Then slay the heifer before the EVER-LIVING at the door of the
- 12 Hall of Assembly, and take of the blood of the heifer and put upon the horns of the altar with your finger, and the rest of the blood pour out at
- 13 the foundation of the altar. Then take all the fat of the caul of the bowels, and the caul over the liver, and two kidneys, and the fat which is about them, and burn them before
- 14 the altar. But the flesh of the heifer, and its skin, and the dung, you shall burn with fire outside the camp, as a sin offering.
- 15 "Then you shall take one of the rams, and Aaron and his sons shall strike their hands upon the head of
- 16 the ram. Afterwards slay the ram, and take its blood and sprinkle upon
- 17 the altar all round. But divide the ram into portions, and wash its entrails and its legs, and lay them upon
- 18 the portions with its head, and burn all the ram upon the altar. It is a whole burnt offering to the EVER-LIVING, it is a sweet odour to the EVER-LIVING.
- 19 "Afterwards take the second ram, and let Aaron and his sons strike their hands upon the head of the ram.
- 20 Then slay the ram, and take some of its blood and put upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and on the tip of the ears of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hands, and upon the great toe of their feet, and sprinkle
- 21 the blood all around the altar. Next take some of the blood which is upon the altar, and some of the oil of consecration, and sprinkle upon Aaron, and upon his robes, and upon his sons, and upon their robes with him, and sanctify him and his robes, and his sons, and their robes as well.
- 22 "Afterwards take from the ram the

fat, and the suet; and the fat of the caul of the bowels, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is over them,—for it is a ram of consecration,—and one round loaf of bread; and one loaf buttered with oil; and one thin cake from the basket of unfermented cakes that are before the EVER-LIVING, and place the whole on the hands of Aaron and the hands of his sons, and they shall wave them before the EVER-LIVING. Then take them from their hands and burn with incense upon the altar for a whole offering, as a sweet smell before the EVER-LIVING. They shall be for the EVER-LIVING. Next take the breast of the ram of consecration, which was for Aaron, and you yourself shall wave it before the EVER-LIVING, and it shall be to yourself for a portion. And sanctify the breast of the wave-offering, and the legs of the wave-offerings which were raised up from the Ram of Consecration, which was for Aaron and for his sons, and they shall be for Aaron and his sons to take always from the children of Israel;—a sacrifice of thanks—you shall raise them to the EVER-LIVING.

"And the sacred robes that are for Aaron shall be for his sons after him to be consecrated in, and to serve with their hands in them. The priests from his sons after him, who come to the Hall of Assembly for the holy service, shall be clothed in them seven days.

"Next take the Ram of Consecration and boil its flesh in the holy place, and Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread which was in the basket at the door of the Hall of Assembly. They shall eat it as a protection to them in the work of their hands,—in the Sanctuary alone: and a stranger shall not eat that holy thing with them. But if there remains any of the flesh of the consecration, or of the bread until the morning, you shall burn the remnants by fire. They shall not be eaten, because they are holy.

"Do this with Aaron and his sons, exactly as I have commanded. Thus for seven days you shall fill their hands, and offer a bullock for a sin offering daily, as a protection for them, with a sin offering upon the altar to protect yourself; and you shall consecrate it to sanctify it. You shall protect for the altar seven days and sanctify it. Then the altar shall

be holy of holies, all approaching to the altar shall be sacred.

The Ritual of the Altar.

38 "This is what you shall offer daily upon the altar, two lambs of a year
39 old, continually. Offer the first lamb in the morning, and offer the second
40 lamb between the dusks; with a tenth of flour mixed with a quarter of a hin of olive oil, and a quarter of a hin of wine with the first lamb as a drink offering.

41 "And offer the second lamb between the dusks; like the offering in the morning, and offer a similar drink offering with it; a sweetmeat to the EVER-LIVING; as continuous offerings from your posterity before the EVER-LIVING at the door of the Hall of Assembly, at the place He indicates to you, where He will speak to you.
43 For I will show Myself to the children of Israel, and will sanctify them by
44 My Majesty. Thus you shall sanctify the Hall of Assembly and the altar for Me, but I will sanctify Aaron, and
45 his sons to Myself as Priests, and I will dwell in the midst of the children
46 of Israel, and be their GOD, and they shall know that I am the EVER-LIVING, the GOD Who brought them from the land of the Mitzeraim, and dwell in the midst of them. I am the EVER-LIVING GOD.

30 "Make also an altar for incense of
2 acacia wood. It shall be square, a cubit long and a cubit wide, and two
3 cubits high, from the base of it. And you shall plate it with pure gold, its top and its sides all round, and round its top make battlements of gold.
4 You shall also make two projections of gold on it, below the battlements. Make also two golden rings below the battlements; you shall form them upon both sides, as sockets for two
5 staves to carry it by. Make the staves of acacia wood, and plate them
6 with gold. And place it before the veils which are over the Ark of the Witnesses; before the veils which are over the Witnesses that give evidence to you there.

7 "And Aaron shall offer incense of spices upon it evening by evening. He shall burn the incense at the
8 lighting of the lamps. When Aaron's sons light the lamps between the dusks, he shall burn the incense perpetually, before the EVER-LIVING,
9 among your descendants. You shall

not offer upon it scattered incense, or whole burnt offerings, or gifts; nor shall you pour a drink offering upon it, but Aaron shall expiate once a
10 year upon its horns with blood; he shall expiate upon it with a sin-offering of expiations once in a year, for your descendants. It is the Holy of Holies to the EVER-LIVING."

The Tab of the Census.

Afterwards the EVER-LIVING spoke 11 to Moses, saying:—

"When you take a conscription of 12 the children of Israel, to regiment them, then each shall give an expiation for his life to the EVER-LIVING for conscripting them, so that the LORD may not punish them for conscripting. This is the offering for 13 everyone passing to the conscription, half a shekel, by the sacred shekel, twelve gheras to the shekel. You shall offer half a shekel to the EVER-LIVING. Everyone passing to the 14 conscription, from the age of twenty years old and upwards, shall give this offering to the EVER-LIVING. The rich shall not add, and the poor 15 shall not diminish from the half shekel, given as an offering to the EVER-LIVING, as a protection for their lives. And you shall take the 16 protection money from the children of Israel and give it to the workers in the Hall of Assembly, and it shall be as a remembrance for the children of Israel before the EVER-LIVING, to protect their lives."

The Apparatus of the Tabernacle.

Another time the EVER-LIVING 17 spoke to Moses, saying:—

"Make a bath of brass, with a base 18 of brass, for washing, and place it between the Hall of Assembly and the altar, and put water in it, and 19 Aaron and his sons shall bathe themselves in it, both their hands and their feet. Upon coming into the 20 Hall of Assembly they shall wash with water, so that they may not die, when they approach the altar to offer sweet perfumes to the EVER-LIVING. They shall wash their hands and 21 their feet, so that they may not die, and this shall be a perpetual order to him, and to his descendants, in their generations."

Composition of the Oil of Consecration.

22 Again the EVER-LIVING spoke to Moses, saying;

"Now take to you perfumes; of heads of flowering myrrh five hundred, of sweet cinnamon one hundred and twenty-five; and of sweet cane one hundred and twenty-five: of sweet cassia five hundred shekels weighed by the sacred shekel, and a hin of olive oil, and make from them the holy consecrating oil; a compound of compounds. It shall be a perfumed Holy Consecrating oil, to consecrate the Hall of Assembly and the Ark of Witnesses: and the table, and all the instruments of the altar, and its furniture, and the altar of incense: and the altar of burnt offerings, and all its furniture; and the bath, and its appliances. Consecrate them thus, and they shall be holy.

30 "Consecrate Aaron and his sons, also. Consecrate them to be priests to Me.

31 "Then you shall speak to the children of Israel saying:—

"This is the Holy Oil of Consecration to Me, in all your generations. It shall not be poured upon a man's body; nor shall you make any of similar ingredients. It is Holy of Holies for you to the EVER-LIVING.

33 The man who compounds like it, and whoever puts it upon a foreigner shall be excommunicated from his people."

Compound for Sweet Powder.

34 The EVER-LIVING also said to Moses;—"Take to yourself sweet drops, and scented shell, and sweet galbanum, and pure frankincense of equal weights, and make of them a sweet compound, seasoned with pure holy salt, and pound it very fine. Lay some of it before the witnesses in the Hall of Assembly, where I will meet you. It shall be Holy of Holies for you.

37 "And this perfume that you make by weight they shall not use for themselves. It is sacred to you and the EVER-LIVING. The man who uses it as a personal perfume shall be excommunicated from his people."

Skilled Workmen Appointed.

31 The EVER-LIVING also spoke to Moses, saying;

2 "See I have called by name Bezalal,

the son of Auri, the son of Hor, of the tribe of Judah. I have also filled him with a divine spirit of skill, and understanding, and knowledge, and with constructive ability, and with inventive genius to work in gold, and silver, and brass; and to cut stone for all works, and to cut timber to work for any purpose. I have also given him Ahaliab the son of Ahisamak of the tribe of Dan. And I have endowed him also with intelligence and science, so that they may construct all I have commanded you:—

"The Hall of Assembly and the Ark of Witnesses, and the covers which are upon it, and all the furniture of the Tabernacle, with the table and its appurtenances, and the lamps of purity, and all their appliances, and the altar of incense; and the altar of burnt offerings, and all its furniture; with the bath and its bases; and the robes for service, and the sacred robes of Aaron, the priest, and the robes of his sons to officiate in, besides the oil of consecration and the sweet perfumes, to sanctify all, as I commanded you."

Order to Keep the Sabbath.

Afterwards the EVER-LIVING spoke to Moses saying:—

"Now speak to the children of Israel and say, 'Take care and keep My Sabbaths, for they are a witness between you and Me in your generations, that I am the EVER-LIVING Who sanctifies you. Therefore you shall keep the Rest, for it is sacred to you. Whoever curses it, he shall die; and whoever does work in it, that person shall be excommunicated from the community of his people.

"You may do your business upon six days, but on the seventh is the day of rest; it is a Holy Rest to the EVER-LIVING. All who do business upon the day of Rest, shall die.

"The children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath to make a rest for their posterity, as an everlasting covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever; for in six ages the EVER-LIVING made the solar system and the earth, but upon the seventh age, He rested and refreshed."

Tables of the Law given to Moses.

Then He gave to Moses when He had finished His commands to him

upon Mount Sinai, two tablets of stone, with the evidence written by the finger of GOD.

The Revolt.

The People make an Idol.

- 32 When the People saw that Moses delayed to descend from the mountain, they called upon Aaron, and said to him, "Rouse up, and make us gods who may go before us!—for as for this fellow, Moses, who brought us up out of the land of the Mitzeraim, we know not what has become of him!"
- 2 Then Aaron replied to them, "Pull off the earrings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, sons, and daughters, and bring them to me."
- 3 All the people pulled off the rings of gold which were in their ears and
- 4 brought them to Aaron, and he took them from their hands, and modelled for it with a tool, and made a calf by casting, and said;
- "Israel! these are your Gods who brought you up out of the land of the Mitzeraim."
- 5 Then Aaron paid it reverence and built an altar before it. Aaron also proclaimed and said
- "A feast to the POWER to-morrow."
- 6 So they arose early on the morrow and offered sacrifices, and presented thank offerings. Then the People sat down to eat and drink, and got up to play.
- 7 The LORD however said to Moses, "Go! Descend!—For your People whom you led out of Mitzraim have corrupted themselves! They have soon
- 8 turned from the path which I commanded them! They have made for themselves a cast-metal calf and they are worshipping it! And they sacrifice to it, and say; 'This is your God, Israel! that brought you up from the
- 9 land of the Mitzeraim.'" And the LORD said to Moses, "I fear for this People; for it is a people of stiff
- 10 neck.—So now let Me alone, and My anger will burn against them, and consume them, and I will make from you a great nation."
- 11 But Moses fell upon his face before his EVER-LIVING GOD, and said; "Why, LORD, should Your anger burn against Your people, whom You have brought up out of the land of the Mitzeraim with great power and
- 12 with a strong arm? Why should the Mitzeraim say; 'He brought them out

for evil, to kill them among the mountains, and to exterminate them from the face of the earth?'—Turn away Your anger and forgive Your people. Remember Abraham, and 13 Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, what you swore to them by YOURSELF, and promised them that their race should be as numerous as the stars of heaven; and also of this land which You promised to give to their descendants to inherit for ever." So the 14 EVER-LIVING had compassion upon the sin which His people had done against Him.

The Table of God Broken.

Then Moses turned and descended 15 from the hill, with the two tables of the Law in his hands;—both tablets written upon both sides with writing. And GOD had made those tablets; and 16 GOD wrote the writing that was engraved upon the tablets.

When Joshua heard the voice of the 17 people at sin, he said to Moses; "There is the sound of war in the camp."

But he replied; "It is not the sound 18 of contention with swords;—nor is it the sound of contention in charging, that I hear the roar of!"

And when they approached the 19 camp, and saw the calf, and the dancing, then the anger of Moses burnt, and he flung the two tablets from his hands, and broke them under the mountain.

1 (He afterwards took the calf which 20 they had made and burnt it in the fire, and ground it until it was like dust, and threw it upon the face of the water, and made the children of Israel drink it.)

Then Moses demanded of Aaron, 21 "What have this People done to you, that you should bring upon them this great sin?"

But Aaron replied, "Let not my 22 Prince's anger burn! You know this people, how bad they are! and they 23 said to me, 'Make Gods for us, who can go before us— for as for this fellow Moses, who brought us up from the land of the Mitzeraim, we know not what has become of him.'

1 V. 20, in parentheses, does not refer to the immediate act of Moses, but to his subsequent action after suppressing the revolt. The narrative starts again at v. 21. See v. 30, Ch. xxxii. —F. F.

- 24 So I said to them, 'Bring me gold,' and they brought it, and gave me it, and I threw it into the furnace, and this calf was produced!"
- 25 Then Moses saw that the People were in revolt, and had involved
- 26 Aaron in their insurrection. Therefore Moses stood up at the gate of the camp, and cried; "Who is for my EVER-LIVING GOD?" when all the sons of Levi joined him.
- 27 And he said to them, "Thus says the EVER-LIVING, the GOD of Israel; 'Let every man bind his sword upon his thigh! Go through and return from gate to gate of the camp and kill every man his brother, and every man his neighbour, and every man his friend!'"
- 28 So the sons of Levi did it, as Moses commanded, and there fell of the people in that day three-thousand men.
- 29 Moses afterwards said; "Your hands to-day have worked for the EVER-LIVING; thus each man has gained for himself a blessing through his son, and through his brother."
- 30 Some days afterwards, however, Moses said to the people themselves; "You have sinned a great sin; so now I will offer to the EVER-LIVING a ram as an expiation on account of your sin."
- 31 Therefore Moses turned to the EVER-LIVING and said; "Certainly this People have sinned a great sin, when they made a god of gold for themselves; but yet remove their sin; and if not, strike me out of Your Book which You have written."
- 33 Then the EVER-LIVING answered Moses, "What is their sin to ME? I will strike them from My Book. But now go, lead the People to where I command you, and My Messenger shall go before your face, and in the day of visitation I will visit upon them their sin."
- 35 Thus the EVER-LIVING punished the People for what they had done, regarding the calf that Aaron had made.
- 33 Then the EVER-LIVING said to Moses; "Go from here; you and the people whom you brought up from the land of the Mitzraim to the land which I promised to Abraham, and to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.' And I will send My Messenger before your face, and drive out the Cananites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizites, 2 the Hivites, and the Jebusites, from 3

the land flowing with milk and honey.—Yet I shall not bring you straight to it, for you are a stiff-necked people, therefore I shall march you by a journey."

When the people heard this hard 4 command they grieved; and many men would not put on their armour.

Therefore the EVER-LIVING spoke 5 to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people; —a rebellious one. If I came a single moment into your midst I could destroy you. However, strip off your arms, and I will make known what I will do to you.'"

So the children of Israel quickly 6 stripped off their armour.

Moses carries off the Tabernacle of Witnesses and the Word Appears.

Then Moses seized the tabernacle, 7 and pitched it for himself outside the camp, at a distance from the camp, and named it his Hall of Meeting, so that all who wished to inquire of the EVER-LIVING were obliged to come to him to his Hall of Assembly that was outside the camp. But when Moses 8 had gone away with the tabernacle, all the people rose in insurrection, and every man stood at the door of his tent and looked after Moses as he went off with the tabernacle. And 9 when Moses went with the tabernacle, the cloud tremblingly descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the WORD was with Moses. When 10 all the people saw the trembling cloud standing at the door of his tabernacle, then all the people arose and everyone bowed down towards that tent.

There the EVER-LIVING spoke with 11 Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend; — Then he turned towards the camp, and watched it; but Joshua the son of Nun, his attendant, did not depart from the inside of the tabernacle.

And Moses said to the EVER-LIVING; 12 "See, You spoke to me to bring up this people, but yet You have not instructed me as to whom You will send with me. You have, however, said, 'I know you by name, and you have found favour in My eyes.' So now, if 13 I have found favour in Your eyes, teach me Your path, that I may know You, since I have found favour in

Your sight, and perceive that Your People are this Nation."

14 Then He replied, "Turn their advance back, and I will support you."

15 But he answered to Him, "If Your PRESENCE is not with our marches, 16 do not take us from here. And by what can it be possibly known that I have found favour in Your sight, I and Your people? Would it not be by Your marching with us? and distinguishing me and Your People from every nation upon the face of the earth?"

17 Then the EVER-LIVING answered Moses; "I will grant also this request which you have made, for you have found favour in My eyes, and I have made MYSELF known to you by a NAME."

18 He therefore replied:—"Show me, I pray, Your Majesty."

19 And he was answered; "I have passed all My beauty before your face; and I made MYSELF known to you openly by My Name of the EVER-LIVING. I show favour to those I love; and compassion to those I 20 compassionate. — But," He added, "you are not able to see My face, for 21 no man can see Me and live. However," said the EVER-LIVING, "mount 22 up to Me and sit on the rock, and My Majesty shall pass over, and I will place you in a cleft of the rock, and shade you with My hand over you, 23 until I pass over, so that upon removing My hand you may see My back, for you cannot look upon My face."

Command to make New Tablets for the Commandments.

34 The EVER-LIVING afterwards said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone, like the former ones, and I will write upon them the Commandments which were upon the 2 first that you broke; and when dawn comes, go up at dawn to the Mount Sinai, and sit with Me upon the top of 3 the hill. But no man shall come up with you; for no man must be seen in all the hill, nor sheep, or beast approach to the hill."

4 Moses accordingly cut two tablets of stone like the former, and arose at morning, and ascended Mount Sinai, as the EVER-LIVING commanded him, and took in his hands the two tablets 5 of stone. Then the EVER-LIVING descended in the cloud and sat there

with him; and he called on the Name of JEHOVAH, when the EVER-LIVING 6 passed over before his face, and he cried out "EVER-LIVING! LIVING GOD of GENTLENESS and PITY, SLOW to ANGER, but GREAT in MERCY and TRUTH; preserving 7 mercy to thousands; taking away passion, and rebellion; and forgiving sin;—but not ceasing to visit the passions of the fathers upon their children, and upon the children of their children to the third and the fourth generation!"

Then Moses hastily rose and fell to 8 the earth and worshipped, and said: 9 "If now I have found favour in Your sight, ALMIGHTY, come, I pray, ALMIGHTY, near to us, for they are a stiff-necked People, and pardon our passions and sins, and give us our inheritance."

And He replied; "Now I make a 10 covenant with all your People. I will produce wonders such as have not been from creation in all the earth, or in any nation; and every people among whom you are, shall see the work of the EVER-LIVING, for what I will do by you will be splendid. 11 Attend to what I have communicated to you to-day;—Then I will drive before you the Amorites, the Cananites, the Hitites, the Perizites, the Hivites, and Jebusites.

"Keep yourselves from making 12 treaties with the residents of the land when you come to it, for fear they should be a snare in your midst. Therefore overthrow their altars; and 13 break down their pillars; and cut down their shrines, for you shall not 14 worship another god, for the EVER-LIVING is jealous of HIS NAME; He is a jealous GOD.

"Beware of making alliances with 15 the inhabitants of the land, for fear you whore after their gods, and sacrifice to their gods, and approach to eat at their altars; or take from 16 their daughters for your sons, for their daughters will whore after their gods; and your sons whore after their gods. Nor shall you make a metallic 17 god for yourselves.

Repetition of Social Law.

"You shall keep the feast of un- 18 leavened bread for seven days: You shall eat biscuits as I have commanded you, at the assembly in the

harvest month,¹ for in the month of harvest I brought you from among the Mitzeraim.

- 19 "All breaking the womb is Mine; and every male of your possessions, 20 of cattle or sheep bursting it; but an ass bursting it, you shall redeem with a sheep; and if you do not redeem it you shall break its neck.

"All your eldest sons you shall redeem, for you shall not see My presence empty-handed.

- 21 "You shall labour six days, but on the seventh you shall cease from 22 ploughing, and rest in harvest. You shall also make a festival of rest for yourselves at the first fruits of the wheat harvest; and a festival at the completion of the solar circuit of the year.

- 23 "Three times in a year all your men shall appear before the Presence of the LORD, the EVER-LIVING GOD 24 of Israel, for I will drive out the heathen before you, and will extend your boundaries, therefore no man of your land shall neglect to go up three times in a year to see the Presence of your EVER-LIVING GOD. 25 You shall not shed the blood of My sacrifices away from it; and you shall not leave until the morning the sacrifice of the Passover. You shall 26 also decorate the house of your EVER-LIVING GOD with the first fruits of your fields when you come up.

"You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk."

- 27 Finally the EVER-LIVING said to Moses;—"Write these commands, for upon the basis of these Commands I have made a covenant with you, and with Israel."

The Time Moses stayed on Sinai.

- 28 And he was there with the EVER-LIVING forty days and forty nights, and ate no bread, nor drank water, but wrote upon the tablets the commands of the Covenant;

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

The Splendour of the Face of Moses.

- 29 Then Moses descended from Mount Sinai with the Tables of the Testimony in the hands of Moses. On his descent, however, from the hill, Moses did not know that blinding

rays of light¹ from his face, prevented their speaking to him!

But Aaron, and all the children of 30 Israel saw those rays of light from his face, and they were afraid to approach him.

Moses, however, called to them, 31 when Aaron turned to him, with all the leaders of the Assembly, and Moses addressed them; and after 32 that all the children of Israel approached, and he communicated all that the EVER-LIVING had commanded him in Mount Sinai.

But that Moses might speak to 33 them, he put a veil over his face. But when Moses went to speak with 34 the EVER-LIVING he removed the veil from his face, until he returned, and came and related to them what he had been commanded. So the 35 children of Israel feared in the presence of Moses, for rays of splendour preceded Moses, therefore Moses placed the veil over his face when he went to speak with them.

Moses addresses the Parliament of Israel.

Then Moses assembled all the 35 parliament of the children of Israel, and said to them;

"These are the Commandments which the EVER-LIVING has commanded you to practise:—

"You shall do your work for six 2 days, but the Seventh Day shall be a Holy Rest for you. You shall rest to the EVER-LIVING. Every one doing business on it shall die. No 3 man shall labour in all your habitations upon the Day of Rest."

Moses continued to speak to all 4 the parliament of the children of Israel, saying;—

"This is also a commandment 5 which the EVER-LIVING commanded, saying:—'Let everyone of willing heart bring an offering from themselves to the EVER-LIVING!'"

Gifts to God from the People.

All of free heart consequently brought an offering from themselves to the EVER-LIVING of gold, silver, and brass; and azure and purple, 6 and blue, red, and spun linen; and 7 ram skins, dyed red, and badger skins, and acacia wood: and oil for 8

¹ Abib.

¹ Literally "Horns of Light."—F. F.

the lamps, and perfumes for the Oil of Consecration, and incense for the
 9 veils, and onyx stones, and stones for the settings of the ephod, and
 10 breastplate. Whilst those of skill among them came and made all that
 11 the EVER-LIVING commanded. The enclosures of the tent, and its veils;
 the hooks, and the planks, the cross-bars, the standards and the bases;
 12 the ark and the staves for it; the covers, and the covering veil; the
 13 table, and its staves, and all its appurtenances; and the Shewbread: and
 14 the reflectors for the lamps, and the appurtenances for them; and the
 burners, and the oil for the lights; and the incense altar, and its staves;
 15 and the Oil of Consecration, and the perfumes for the aromatics; and the
 veil for the door, at the opening of the sanctuary. The altar of burnt
 16 offering, and its base of brass; the staves and the whole of the instru-
 17 ments; the bath and its bases. The curtains for the court and its stan-
 dards, and their bases, and the skreen for the gate of the court. The
 18 stakes for the sanctuary, and the stakes for the court, and the rest.
 19 The robes for the service, when serving in the Holy-place; the sacred
 robes for Aaron the priest, and the robes for his sons, the priests.
 20 Then the whole of the chiefs of the children of Israel came before Moses,
 21 and brought whatever their heart suggested, and all that their spirit
 dictated to them, they brought as an offering to the EVER-LIVING, to sup-
 ply the Hall of Assembly, and its appurtenances, and for the sacred
 22 robes. Thus the chiefs coming to Moses,—all who were of liberal heart,
 —brought ear and nose rings, and brooches, and beads and all things
 made of gold, and everything which was adorned with gold to the EVER-
 23 LIVING. Every man, also, who possessed azure, and purple, and blue-
 red, and spun linen, and red goat skins, and badger skins brought them.
 24 Many nobles brought gifts of silver and brass, as presents to the EVER-
 LIVING, or of anything they possessed. Some brought acacia wood
 25 for the works. And the skilful women brought yarn in their hands,
 azure yarn, and purple, and blue-
 26 red, and linen. All the men also who were skilful in spinning, invited by
 their hearts, gave goat-hair yarn.

Other men brought precious stones 27
 to set the ephod and the breastplate; and perfumes, and oil for the lights, 28
 and for the Consecration Oil, and perfumes for the incense. Every 29
 man and woman with a liberal heart brought all the things that the EVER-
 LIVING commanded, by the hand of Moses, to be made as gifts to the
 EVER-LIVING.

Appointment of Architects and Mechanics for the Sanctuary.

Then Moses said to the children of 30
 Israel,

"The EVER-LIVING has called Bezalal, the son of Auri, the son of Hor of the tribe of Judah, and has 31
 filled him with genius, skill, intelligence and knowledge, and a mecha-
 nical mind, and inventive faculties 32
 for working in gold, and silver, and brass; and to cut stones for jewellery; 33
 and to shape timber for use, and for all engineering work. He has also
 given as a fitting assistant to him, Ahaliab the son of Ahhismak, of the
 tribe of Dan, filling them with in- 35
 telligence to work in every kind of contrivance, in jewellery, and em-
 broidery, in azure, and purple; in blue, and red, and flax; and to weave all
 materials, and to make patterns."

Bezalal and Ahaliab consequently 36
 worked, with all the skilful men to whom the EVER-LIVING had given
 intelligence and understanding, to assist them in their operations, for
 the production of all the furniture for the sanctuary, which the EVER-
 LIVING had commanded. Thus 2
 Moses appointed Bezalal and Ahaliab, and all the skilful men to whom the
 EVER-LIVING had given an intelligent mind, with everyone whose
 mind invited them to go to the work to effect it; and they received in the 3
 presence of Moses all the offerings that the children of Israel had brought
 to make the appliances for the services of the sanctuary. They fetched
 their part from the treasury morning by morning, and every skilled worker 4
 brought back the articles for the sanctuary which he had made from
 his workshop; until they reported to 5
 Moses, saying, "The material which the people have brought is more than
 the requirements for the furniture that the EVER-LIVING commanded
 to be made from it."

Moses, therefore, ordered to make 6

a proclamation in the camp to inform every man and woman not to bring further material to offer for the sanctuary. So the people ceased to
 7 bring it, for the material was sufficient for all the appliances that had to be made, and in excess.
 8 So the workmen made the furniture for the tent; Ten curtains of spun linen, and azure, and purple, and blue-red, with pictures of Kerubim formed in damask. The length
 9 of the curtains was eighteen cubits each, and the width four cubits, each curtain;—the same to each curtain;
 10 and the end of one curtain was joined to the other, and the next curtain's edge was joined to the
 11 following; for they made loops upon the selvage of each of the curtains at the end of the edges. Thus they made the curtains with attachments
 12 to join the two. They made fifty loops on each curtain; and fifty loop attachments were made upon the second curtain which joined it to the next, opposite to the loops, one for
 13 one. They also made fifty hooks of gold to join the curtains one to the other, so as to form one tent.
 14 They also made curtains of goat-skins for the canopy over the tent, which were divided into twenty curtains. The length of each curtain
 15 was thirty cubits, and four cubits broad for each curtain; all the twenty
 16 curtains were made equal; and they joined five of the curtains together,
 17 and six of the curtains together; and made fifty loops on the lip of a curtain, at its edge to fasten with, and made fifty loops upon the lip of the
 18 second curtain for fastenings. They also made hooks of brass to join the canopy to form it into one piece.
 19 Then they made the Hall of Assembly of red ram-skins, with a verandah of badger skins over all of it.
 20 They also made the planks for the tabernacle of acacia wood planed.
 21 The length of a plank was ten cubits, and a cubit and a half broad, for
 22 each plank. There were two hands to each plank at the joinings on one side and the other. They made the same to all the planks of the tabernacle.
 23 Twenty planks were made for the tabernacle on the side towards
 24 the south. And forty bases of silver were formed under the twenty planks;—two bases under a plank with two hands on them.

And for the opposite side towards
 25 the north, they made twenty planks, with forty bases of silver, two bases
 26 for each plank. But the width of the
 27 tabernacle to the west was six planks; and two planks made the corners of
 28 the tabernacle at the corners. And
 29 there were clutches fitting together and uniting them. Thus both were
 30 fastened at their edges. Thus there were eight planks, and sixteen silver
 31 bases, two bases, and two bases, under each plank. He also made
 32 bars of acacia wood, five bars for the planks at the first side of the tabernacle; and five bars to the planks at
 33 the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars to the planks of the tabernacle at its length towards the west; and bars were made for the uprights
 34 placed between the sets of planks from end to end. The planks, however, were plated with gold, and their buttons were made of gold with lock-holes to each one, and the bars were plated with gold.

The veils also were made of azure,
 35 and purple, and blue-red, and spun linen, with damasked Kerubims worked on them. They also made
 36 four posts of acacia, and plated them with gold, with pins of gold, and cast for them four bases of silver. They
 37 also made a skreen for the door of the sanctuary of azure, and purple, and blue-red, and spun linen, worked as embroidery. And the five pillars
 38 and the pins, with the chapters on their heads, and the rods were of gold, but the five bars were of brass.

Bezalel himself made the ark of
 37 acacia wood. Its length two and a half cubits, and its breadth a cubit and a half, and a cubit and a half its height; and he plated with pure gold
 2 within and without, and made it a wreath of gold around; and cast
 3 four knobs of gold for its four feet; two knobs at the one side, and two
 4 knobs at the other side. He also made staves of acacia wood and
 5 plated them with gold, so that they could put the staves into the ears
 6 upon the sides of the ark to carry the ark by.

He also made covers of pure gold,
 6 two cubits and a half in length and a cubit and a half in width. Besides
 7 he made two Kerubim of gold. They were made standing at the two ends
 8 of the covers; one kerub at this end, and the other at that. But the
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kerubim were extending their wings like a protection from above with their wings over the covers, with the face of each towards the other over covers:—the kerubim faced each other.

10 He also made the table of acacia wood, two cubits in length and a cubit and a half in breadth, and a
11 cubit and a half in height, and plated it over with pure gold, and made a
12 coronal round about it of gold. He also made a ridge of a handbreadth around it, with rays of gold upon the
13 ridge all round; and cast four tabs of gold, and fixed the tabs upon the four
14 sides where its feet were. The tabs were fixed near the ridge for the
15 staves to carry the table with. He made the staves, to carry the table, of acacia wood and plated them with
16 gold; as well as the instruments that were upon the table,—the dishes and the snuffers, and the cups and the plates which covered them,—of pure gold.

17 He also made the lamp of turned work of pure gold; its shank, upright stalk, its branches, its cups, and blossoms were made of it. And there were six branches going from the sides;—three branches from one side, and three branches from the
19 other side. There were three almond cones and flowers upon one branch, a cup and a blossom;—and three almond cones and flowers on an alternate branch, a cup and a blossom; thus six branches rose up for the
20 lamps. And upon the lamp four cones like almonds, a cup, and a blossom. But there was a ball between two of the branches mutually; and a ball between two of the branches mutually; and a ball between two of the branches mutually; for the six branches that rose up
22 from them. There were balls and branches for them mutually; all the appliances were of pure gold. He
23 also made seven reflectors, and holders, and snuffers of pure gold:
24 a talent weight of pure gold made these, and all the instruments.

35 Afterwards he made the Altar of Incense of acacia wood. Its length was a cubit, and its breadth a cubit, square, and its height two cubits,

with its horns; and he covered the 26 top of it with pure gold, and around its sides, and its horns, and made a coronal of gold around it. He also 27 made two tabs of gold for it, between the coronal, upon the two sides, upon its opposite sides, to insert the two staves to carry it by. He made the 28 staves also of acacia wood, and plated them with gold. He also 29 made the Holy Consecration Oil, and the incense of pure spices for perfume.

Then he made of acacia wood the 38 Altar of Burnt Offerings. Its length was five cubits, and its breadth five cubits, square; and its height three cubits. He also made horns upon 2 its four faces; its horns were all alike and he plated them with brass. Besides he made all the instruments 3 for the altar; the cauldrons, and the brushes, and the sprinklers, and the rakes, and the shovels, he made of brass. He also made for the altar a 4 netted sieve of brass under its fire-place, with projections at its edges; and he cast four tabs of brass for the 5 borders of the sieve—as receptacles for staves, which he made of acacia 6 wood, and covered them with brass, and placed the staves in the tabs at 7 the sides of the altar, to carry it by;—he made them to fit into valves.

He also made the bath and its 8 pedestals of brass, with the mirrors for the use of whoever served before the Hall of Assembly.

He also made the court at the side 9 towards the south. The curtains for the court were a hundred cubits of spun linen. The pillars twenty, and 10 the bases twenty. The spikes of the pillars and the pins were of brass, but the rods of silver. And on the 11 north face it was a hundred cubits, with twenty pillars and twenty bases. The spikes of the pillars were brass, but the rods of silver. But on the 12 west face, the curtains were fifty cubits, ten pillars and the bases, with spikes for the pillars, but the rods were of silver. And upon the eastern 13 face, the sun rise, fifty cubits: fifteen 14 cubits of curtains to the gate-posts, six pillars and six bases, but from 15 the other gate-post, on this side and that, to the gate of the court, curtains for fifteen cubits; six pillars and six

16 bases. All the curtains around the
17 court were of spun linen, and the
bases of the pillars were of brass,
but the spikes of the pillars and the
rods were of silver, and the capitals
of the pillars of silver; with rods of
silver for all the pillars of the court.

18 The skreen for the gate of the
court, however, was made of em-
broidery of azure, and purple, and
blue-red, and spun linen; and its
length was twenty cubits, and in
height at the fold-back five cubits, to
the juncture with the curtains of the
19 court; with four pillars and four
bases of brass; but the pins of silver,
and the capitals of the heads of the
20 pillars of silver, with all the other
things for the tent and the court
around of brass.

The Officials of the Tabernacle.

21 These were the officers of the tent,
—the Hall of Assembly—which were
appointed by the mouth of Moses, for
the service of the Levites, under
Aithamar, the son of Aaron the priest,
22 with Bezalal the son of Auri, the son
of Hor of the tribe of Judah to make
everything that the EVER-LIVING had
23 commanded by Moses; and with
them Ahaliab the son of Ahhismak
of the tribe of Dan, to engrave, and
damask, and embroider, in azure,
and purple, and blue, and red; and
in spinning.

Amount of Gold and other Metals used in the Tabernacle.

24 The whole of the gold that was
used in the furniture of the sanctuary
was twenty-nine talents, and nine
hundred and thirty shekels, by the
25 sacred weight. And of silver from
the chiefs of the congregation one
hundred talents and one thousand
seven hundred and fifty-seven shekels
by the sacred weight.

26 The half shekel poll-tax by the
sacred weight, from those who were
passed into the regiments, from
twenty years of age and over that, was
six hundred and thirty thousand, five
27 hundred and fifty. And there were
used one hundred talents of silver in
casting the bases of the sanctuary;
and the bases of the doors;—a hun-
dred bases from a hundred talents:—
28 a talent to a base. They also used
a thousand, seven hundred, and

seventy-five for the spikes to the
pillars, and the capitals on their
heads, and the rods for them.

Besides, the brass offered was 29
seventy thousand talents, and four
hundred shekels, which were used 30
for the bases of the doors of the
Hall of Assembly and the brass of
the door-posts, and the Brazen Altar,
and the lattice work of brass for it,
and the whole of the instruments of
the altar, with the bases of the court 31
around, and the bases of the gates of
the court, and all the rest of the
tent, and the remainder of the court
around.

And of the azure, and purple, and 39
blue-red, they made the service
robes, to serve in the sanctuary, as
well as the holy robes for Aaron, as
the EVER-LIVING commanded to
Moses.

They also made the ephod of gold, 2
azure, purple, and blue-red, and
spun linen. And there were strips of 3
gold and wire twisted in the working
among the azure, and among the
purple, and among the blue-red, and
among the linen threads that made
the damasking. They made shoulder 4
pieces that joined upon the two
halves by a seam. They also made 5
the breast-plate of the ephod, to be
worn over it, of gold, azure, and
purple, and blue-red, and spun linen,
as the EVER-LIVING commanded
Moses.

Besides they made two onyx stones 6
surrounded with gold settings, en-
graved like the engraving of a seal
with the names of the sons of Israel;
and placed them upon the shoulders 7
of the ephod as memorial stones for
the sons of Israel,—as the EVER-
LIVING commanded to Moses.

They also made the breast-plate of 8
damasked work, as they made the
ephod, of gold, and azure, and purple,
and blue-red, and spun linen. The 9
breastplate was made a square
doubled,—a span long and a span
broad, doubled; and it was filled 10
with four rows of stones:

The first row was;

A ruby, a topaz and a diamond.

The second row was:

An emerald, a sapphire and an 11
opal.

The third row was:

A ligure, an agate and an amethyst; 12

And the fourth row was:

A tarshish, an onyx, and a jasper. 13

Surrounded by settings of gold to
 14 fix them; thus there were twelve
 stones with the names of the sons of
 Israel; with the names engraven like
 a seal; each with one name of the
 twelve tribes.

15 They also made for the breastplate
 chain borderings of plaited work of
 16 pure gold. Beside which they made
 two gold fastenings, and two buttons
 of gold, and fixed the two buttons
 upon the two sides of the breastplate,
 17 and placed the two chains of gold upon
 the two buttons at the sides of the
 18 breastplate, and the two ends of the
 two chains they fixed upon the two
 buttons, and fastened them upon the
 two shoulders over the front of them.
 19 They also made two gold buttons and
 placed them upon the two edges of
 the breastplate, upon the lips which
 20 went over the ephod inwards. Besides
 they made two buttons of gold and
 fixed them upon the two shoulders
 of the ephod before and behind to
 unite together at the top of the ephod
 21 with the breastplate; and they laced
 the breastplate, from button to button
 to the ephod with laces of azure, to
 secure the breastplate to the ephod,
 so that the breastplate might not
 fall off from the ephod;—as the
 EVER-LIVING had commanded to
 Moses.

22 They also made a mantle for the
 23 ephod, of azure woven velvet; and
 the mouth of the mantle was in the
 middle of it, like a coat of mail, with
 a binding around it so that it might
 24 not tear. And they made on the hem
 of the mantle pomegranates of azure,
 and purple. and blue-red, with em-
 25 broidery; and also made bells of pure
 gold, and fixed the bells between the
 pomegranates, upon the hem around
 the mantle between the pome-
 26 granates; a bell and a pomegranate
 upon the hem around the mantle;—as
 the EVER-LIVING commanded to
 Moses.

27 They also made vests of woven
 linen work for Aaron and his sons,
 28 and turbans of linen, and mitres of
 linen, and white drawers of spun
 29 linen; with girdles of spun linen, and
 azure, and blue-red, as the EVER-
 LIVING commanded Moses.

30 They also made the flower of the
 Holy Crown of pure gold, and en-
 graved upon it, with the engraving of a
 seal, "Holiness to the EVER-LIVING,"
 31 and fixed a cord of azure upon it to

fasten it upon the top, as the EVER-
 LIVING commanded to Moses.

Thus were completed all the 32
 appliances for the Hall of Assembly.
 They were made in the manner that
 the EVER-LIVING commanded to
 Moses.

Therefore they brought the tent to 33
 Moses;—the sanctuary and all its
 furniture, its hooks, its planks, its
 bars, its pillars and bases; and the 34
 awning of red ram skins, and the
 awning of badger skins, and curtains
 for the skreen; with the Ark of 35
 Witnesses, and its staves, and its
 covers; and the table, and all its 36
 furniture; and the Shewbread,¹ with 37
 the Lamp of Splendour, and its re-
 flectors, and its series of lamps, and
 the whole of its appliances; and the
 oil for the lamps; with the altar of 38
 gold, and the Oil of Consecration,
 and the sweet incense; and the skreen
 of the veil of the pavilion. The 39
 brazen altar; and the brass grating
 for it; its staves, and all its instru-
 ments; the bath and its buckets; the 40
 curtains of the court, its pillars and
 their bases; and the skreen for the
 gate of the court; its ropes and pegs,
 and the rest of the appliances for the
 uses of the tent of the Hall of Assembly.
 The ornamented robes for service in 41
 the sanctuary; the sacred robes for
 Aaron, the priest, and the robes for
 his sons, the priests; according to 42
 all that the EVER-LIVING commanded
 to Moses, the children of Israel made
 the whole for the service.

Then Moses inspected all the 43
 work, to see if they had made all of
 it according to the command of the
 EVER-LIVING. They had done so,
 and Moses blessed them.

Command to Erect the Tent.

Then the EVER-LIVING spoke to 40
 Moses, saying:—

"To-morrow is the first month. 2
 Upon the first of the month you shall
 set up the tent of the Hall of Assembly,
 and place there the Ark of Witnesses, 3
 and cover the ark with the veil.
 Then you shall bring the table, and 4
 arrange its appliances, and bring the
 Golden Lamp, and set up its re-
 flectors; and place the golden altar 5
 of incense before the Ark of the
 Witnesses, and fix the skreen of
 the doors to the tabernacle. Then 6

¹ Bread of the Presence.—F. F.

place the altar of burnt-offering opposite the door of the Hall of Assembly, 7 and set the bath between the Hall of Assembly and the altar, and put water 8 in it. Afterwards fix up the court around, and put the skreen to the 9 gate of the court; and then take the Oil of Consecration and consecrate the tent, and everything in it, and sanctify it, and the whole of its furniture; when it shall be sacred.

"The altar shall be Holy of Holies.

11 "Next consecrate the bath and its 12 buckets, and sanctify it. Then present Aaron and his sons at the door of the Hall of Assembly, and wash 13 them with water, and clothe Aaron in the sacred robe, and consecrate him. Thus you shall make him holy, and 14 he shall be a priest to ME. Afterwards present his sons and clothe 15 them with vests, and consecrate them, as you consecrated their father, and they shall be priests to ME; and the consecration shall be an appointment of them as priests for ever in their descendants."

16 Moses consequently did all that the EVER-LIVING commanded him. He effected it.

17 Thus it was in the first month, in the second year, on the first of the 18 month, they erected the tent. And Moses set up the tent, and fixed its bases, and placed its planks, and fixed its curtains, and erected its pillars, 19 and spread the canopy over the Tabernacle, and put the awning of the Tabernacle over its roof; as the EVER-LIVING commanded him.

20 Then he took and put the witnesses into the ark, and placed the staves to the ark, and put the covers upon the 21 top of the ark, and brought the ark to the tent, and hung the veil of the skreen, and veiled off the witnesses; as the EVER-LIVING commanded Moses.

22 Then he placed the table in the Hall of Assembly, at the north side 23 of the Tabernacle outside of the veil, and arranged upon it the prepared

bread before the EVER-LIVING;—as the EVER-LIVING commanded to Moses.

Next he placed the lamp in the 24 Hall of Assembly, upon the table opposite at the south side of the Tabernacle, and raised the lights 25 before the EVER-LIVING; as the EVER-LIVING commanded Moses.

Then he placed the golden altar in 26 the Hall of Assembly before the veil, and offered sweet incense upon it;— 27 as the EVER-LIVING commanded Moses.

Then he put the skreen to the 28 door of the Tabernacle, and set the 29 altar of burnt-offering at the door of the tent of the Hall of Assembly, and offered upon it the burnt offering, and the gift;—as the EVER-LIVING commanded Moses.

Then he placed the bath between 30 the Hall of Assembly and the altar, and put water in it to wash with, and 31 Moses washed himself his feet and hands there, with Aaron and his 32 sons, before going into the Hall of Assembly, and approaching the altar, they washed themselves;—as the EVER-LIVING commanded Moses.

They also erected the court around 33 the Tabernacle, and the altar and fixed the skreen at the gate of the court.

Then Moses ceased from his labours.

Then the cloud covered the Hall of 34 Assembly, and the splendour of the EVER-LIVING filled the tabernacle, and Moses was not able to go into the 35 Hall of Assembly for the cloud rested upon it, and the splendour of the EVER-LIVING filled the tent. Afterwards when the cloud arose from off 36 the Tabernacle, the children of Israel marched in all their marches; and if 37 the cloud did not arise, then they did not march until the day when it arose;—for the cloud of the EVER- 38 LIVING was upon the Tabernacle by day, and there was a fire by night. It was in the sight of the house of Israel in all their marches.

END OF THE BOOK OF EXODUS.